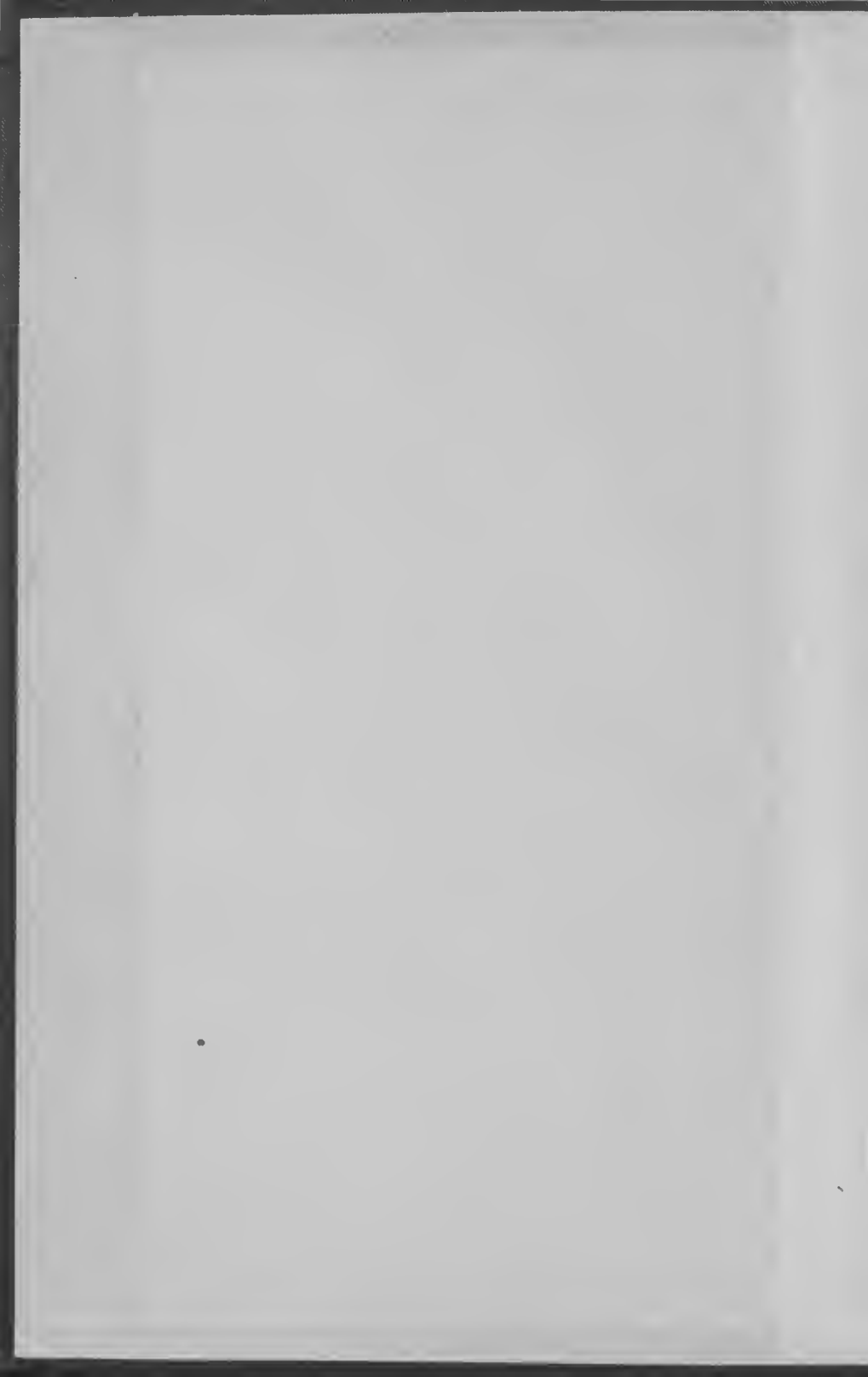


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PREFACE

The celebration of a quarter of a century from the date of the institution of a Lodge, is indeed an event that should be worthily inaugurated and recorded. The members, ever jealous of its good name, will look with pride on the traditions, as recorded in such a volume as this, and will be animated by an earnest desire to perform their duties in such a spirit as may best conduce to its honor and prosperity.

The records of Red Deer Lodge contain the names of many distinguished brethren, who have set bright examples for others to emulate; and it is the humble desire of the writer that, as the sprig of acacia is an evergreen and a symbol which is really and truly the most important one in Masonic science, wherein we have a beautiful suggestion of all the mysteries of life and death, of time and eternity, of the present and the future, so may the memories of those who have gone before us be refreshed and kept green in the minds of us who have had the honor and privilege of becoming members of so ancient and honorable an Institution, in which we may labor and enjoy the union between good men and true, and the friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

While some of the important records of the early history of Masonry in Red Deer are missing, the writer has, with the kind assistance of Right Worshipful Brother Philisk Pidgeon, and other brethren, endeavored to complete this history in an authentic manner.

Let me, however, commence by saying that it is my purpose to lay before you a statement of facts, and by no means a series of conjectures, and I trust that after you have read these pages you will appreciate more the privilege we, as Masons, enjoy today.

A HISTORY OF RED DEER LODGE No. 12

G. R. A.

and of the Early Days of Freemasonry in Red Deer

CHAPTER I

The introduction of Masonry into Red Deer is marked with much enthusiasm and determination, many obstacles having been overcome before a lodge was securely founded.

The first authentic record of any Masonic activity is that contained in a rough minute book, in which are the minutes of a meeting held on June 23, 1894. The following extract appears:—

"Bro. Goggin met several brother Masons in Burch's Hall, for the purpose of instituting a Masonic Lodge in Red Deer. The brother Masons were: Bros. R. W. Pardue, G. W. Greene, R. C. Brumpton, William Piper, John Burch, C. S. Eggleton, A. Anderson and Elias Code. All were accepted as Master Masons, but Bro. Code, who objected to take the Tyler's oath.

"The Lodge was next opened in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees. As soon as the Lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree, the W.M. and Senior and Junior Wardens were installed in office, and next Bro. Goggin addressed the brethren on the Principles of Masonry.

"Proposition for membership: Mr. R. L. Gaetz and Phillip (this should read 'Philisk') Plidgeon.

"Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Bro. Piper, that both be received and usual committee appointed. Carried.

"Moved by Bro. Greene that the Initiation Fee be \$30.00 (seconded by Bro. Piper). Until Bylaws are prepared this to include apron. Carried.

"Moved by Senior Warden, seconded by Bro. Piper that a vote of thanks be tendered to R.W.P.G.M. Bro. Goggin. Carried.

"The minutes were then read."

I have quoted these minutes in detail, as no doubt this was the first Masonic gathering ever held in the village of Red Deer, from which eventually sprang the Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, G.R.A.

Let us for a moment digress at this point, and acquaint ourselves with those taking part in this unique event. Bro. Goggin, I am authentically informed, was an eminent Mason, being a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, under whose jurisdiction this Lodge was to be instituted, there being at that time no Grand Lodge of Alberta.

R.W. Bro. Goggin, being principal of a school and a gentleman of high intelligence, was to be a fit and proper person to assist in instituting this new lodge. It is interesting to note in passing that R.W. Bro. Goggin has been Minister of Education in the Province of Manitoba, and still displays a very keen interest in Masonic affairs.

The brethren who were present and the first members of the Lodge were:—

Bro. Dr. Pardue, veterinary surgeon, and at one time a village over-seer.

Bro. G. W. Greene, a barrister in private life, his mother Lodge being "Rising Sun", No. 85, G.R.C., raised in July, 1891.

Bro. R. C. Brumpton, a general merchant in private life, and very prominent in village affairs; mother Lodge, Fordwich, No. 331, G.R.C., raised in May, 1884.

Bro. W. Piper, a brick manufacturer and also the first undertaker in the village; mother Lodge being Strong, No. 423, G.R.C., raised in March, 1892.

Bro. J. Burch, general merchant, and a recognized sportsman in the community; mother Lodge, Tecumseh No. 144, G.R.C., raised in March, 1873.

Bro. C. S. Eggleton, school teacher. There being only one teacher, he was called the "principal." He took a very active interest in promoting sports. No record of mother Lodge.

Bro. John Henderson (I am informed that this should read "Anderson") one of the pioneer farmers of the district. No record of mother Lodge.

It should be pointed out here that this Lodge worked "Canadian Rite" under this dispensation, and subsequently on obtaining the second dispensation it opened under the "York Rite" work.

Hence we have the personnel of those whose chief desire was to plant Masonry in Red Deer. The meeting place, called "Burch's Hall," was located on Lots 1-2, Block 17, situated on the northeast corner of Ross Street and Gaetz Avenue, at present over the store occupied by Porter's Pharmacy. The first proposition for membership was that of Mr. R. L. Gaetz and Mr. Philisk Pidgeon.

It will be noted also that the initiation fee was very modest, being only \$30.00, which was to include an apron. I am informed, however, that \$30.00 in those days was considered quite a large sum. The town was very small, the surrounding country being very sparsely settled; the population of Red Deer being approximately but 50 people.

The minutes of a regular meeting held Wednesday evening, July 18th, 1894, show the following officers present:—

W. Bro. Pardue, W.M.

Bro. Brumpton, S.W.

Bro. Greene, J.W.

Bro. Eggleton, Secretary.

Visiting Bros. Henderson and Burdick as per register. There is no register in existence for this period, and therefore no record can be given of those, if any, others were present on this occasion.

The following extract is quoted from their minutes, which clearly shows that a dispensation was given to this Lodge:—

"Receipt for amount paid for dispensation read.

"Moved by Bro. Brumpton, seconded by Bro. Piper, that it be placed on file."

It is interesting to note in the minutes of this meeting that Mr. Philisk Pidgeon was initiated into the first degree of Masonry, he being the first person to become a member by initiation of a Masonic Lodge in Red Deer.

At a meeting held Wednesday, October 17th, 1894, a "Committee on Hall" reported to engage hall at \$30.00 a year, to get light and heat free, 15 meetings allowed. I am informed that this hall was lighted by oil lamps and heated by a large box stove, and was very comfortable; being upstairs, it was ideal for Masonic meetings.

The spirit of fellowship prevailed in this Lodge. We note under the heading of "New Business" of meeting held on October 17th, 1894, the following extract:—

"Concert discussed. Moved by Bro. Greene, seconded by Bro. Pidgeon, that Lodge engage Loring Bros. to give a phonographia concert in auspices of Masonic Lodge."

This motion was lost, however, and the following motion was put and carried:—

"Moved by Bro. Burdick, seconded by Bro. Piper, that Bros. Brumpton, Greene and Pidgeon be a committee to consider an "At Home."

It is rather interesting to note that the Phonographia referred to was one which was equipped with ear tubes similar to the stethoscope used by physicians.

In a report contained in minutes of November 21st, 1894, the committee on the "At Home" reported not favorable at present. A motion was also passed at this meeting "that the dues for members be \$3.00 per year, payable quarterly in advance. Motion adopted." There is no further record of any other meeting being held until February 20th, 1895.

For reasons of which there is no record, the members of the Lodge desired a change in its officers, as the extract from the following letter, dated "Winnipeg, April 16th, 1896," and signed by W. G. Scott, Grand Secretary, will substantiate:—

"Grand Master suggests that you call a meeting of the brethren of Red Deer Lodge, and if it is the desire to make a change in the officers, he will be pleased to conform to their wishes. The name of C. P. Gee has been entered in my books as a member of Red Deer Lodge, and he is now eligible to office therein."

At a meeting held April 29th, 1896, the following motion was passed:—

"Moved by Bro. Greene, seconded by Bro. Piper, that in view of letter from the Grand Lodge to Brother English, dated April 16th, 1896, that the office of Master be filled by Bro. Gee, and that Grand Lodge be asked to confirm this. Carried."

The following motion also appears:—

"Moved by Bro. P., seconded by Bro. Burch, that Bro. Greene be secretary."

This, I am informed, was done, as Bro. Eggleton, who was acting as secretary, obtained his Dimit, having left Red Deer; and from the extracts in the rough minute book, W. Bro. Gee acted as W.M. until the Lodge lapsed on October 21st, 1896.

Meeting held October 21st, 1896. This, apparently, was the last of a series of meetings held under the first Masonic Lodge of Red Deer. One can gather from the fact that only 16 meetings were held, extending over a period from June 23rd, 1894, until October 21st, 1896, two years and four months, that the members were confronted with many difficulties, and I am authoritatively informed that it was very difficult at times to obtain enough officers to open the Lodge. It is quite natural that a Masonic Lodge could not function long under these circumstances; therefore, after the meeting of October 21st it was decided that the dispensation be returned to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba until such time as enough members could be secured to carry on again, and these few brethren, Bros. Gee, Pardue, Pidgeon, Greene, Wilson and Piper, although no Lodge was in existence, remained members or warders of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

From these extracts it is evident that considerable Masonic activity took place, and an honest endeavor was made to keep the Lodge going, although from the records only two were made Masons during the period this Lodge was in existence. A copy of the first report, as submitted to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, will be of interest:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Balance per last return	\$	
Amount received for Initiation and Degrees		60 00
Amount received for Dues		21 00
Amount received from all other sources		
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Total receipts	\$	81 00
Amount paid for relief	\$	
Amount paid for current expenses		28 53
Amount paid for other purposes		30 00
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Total expenditure	\$	58 53
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Balance on hand	\$	22 47

SYNOPSIS OF THE WITHIN RETURNS •

Recapitulation

Number of Members per last Report	—
Increase	
Number Initiated per this Report	2
Number Joined per this Report	—
Number Re-instated per this Report	—
Total	2



W. Bro. S. P. Fream 1900



R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon 1901

Decrease

Number Died per this Report -----	—
Number Dimitted per this Report -----	—
Number Suspended N.P.D. -----	—
Number Suspended U.M.C. -----	—
Total -----	—
Number of Members 10—1895.	

DUE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

For Registering 2 Initiations, at \$2.00 -----	\$ 4 00
For Dues to Grand Lodge for Members (six months, 25¢ each) -----	
For Grand Lodge Certificates for 1 Raised this half-year at \$2.00 -----	2 00
For Registering—Life Members, \$5.00 -----	
For Life Members' Certificates, at 75¢ -----	
For Past Masters' Certificates, at \$1.00 -----	
Total -----	\$6 00

1st June, 1895

"Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

"Herewith I hand you the half-yearly returns of Red Deer Lodge No. U.D., and Remittance of \$6.00 for the half-yearly fees and dues thereof as therein shown, and \$30.00 for Charter.

"Please credit on your books and send Receipts to

"Fraternally yours,

"CHAS. EGGLETON, Secretary.

"We hereby certify that the Returns submitted are correct.

"CHAS. EGGLETON, Secretary."

The \$30.00 being for charter which was never obtained by this Lodge, but was granted to a Lodge which was formed at a later date, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba accepted this \$30.00 as payment for the charter issued to the second organization. We can therefore see how closely connected was this "first" lodge with the lodge which ultimately became Red Deer No. 12.

Let me give you in full the following, which is copied from the Historical Register now in the possession of the Lodge:—

"RED DEER LODGE

"On the 11th day of May, 1894, the Masonic brethren in the Village of Red Deer sent off a request to Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, that that Lodge would recommend the formation of a Lodge in Red Deer. Bow River Lodge, at its next meeting, on May 14th, granted the request.

"A Dispensation was issued by the M.W. Grand Master, enabling the brethren in Red Deer to work as a Lodge, on June 15th, 1894, and Red Deer Lodge was instituted by W. Bro. Goggin on June 23rd. The officers named in the Dispensation were:—

"Bro. Pardue, W.M.

"Bro. Brumpton, S.W.

"Bro. Greene, J.W.

"At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1895, a charter was granted to the Lodge, but as the officers were not installed within the prescribed time, the charter lapsed.

"The Dispensation was renewed on October 10th, 1895, and the work of the Lodge was thus carried on till the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1896. The records of the Lodge did not appear entirely satisfactory, and the Dispensation was again renewed on June 10th, 1896. Owing to circumstances over which the officers of the Lodge had no control, the work of the Lodge during 1896-7 did not satisfy the Grand Lodge, and the authority to work as a Lodge was withdrawn."

CHAPTER II

"During the latter part of the year 1898 and the beginning of 1899, several informal meetings were held by the Masonic brethren at Red Deer, with the ultimate object of organizing a Lodge. A petition to Grand Lodge, asking for authority to work as a Lodge was drawn up, and was recommended by Eureka Lodge No. 65, Lacombe. The petition asked that in the Dispensation Brother S. P. Fream be named as W.M., Bro. P. Pidgeon as S.W. and Bro. W. Postill as J.W.

"On July 27th, 1899, a Dispensation was issued by the M.W. Grand Master, and on this Dispensation appeared the names of those brethren entered in this Register as Charter members. These were twelve in number:—

- "1. Fream, Sidney Philip, Innisfail No. 58, G.R.M., M.M.
- "2. Pidgeon, Philisk, Red Deer U.D., M.M.
- "3. Postill, William, Spallumcheen No. 13, G.R.B.C., M.M.
- "4. Greene, George Wellington, Rising Sun No. 85, G.R.C., M.M.
- "5. Love, George Albert, Credit G.R.C., M.M.
- "6. Piper, William, Strong 423, G.R.C., M.M.
- "7. Fleming, George, Innisfail No. 58, G.R.M., M.M.
- "8. Miller, Robert Michael Milne, Innisfail No. 58, G.R.M., M.M.
- "9. Brumpton, Robert Cutsforth, Fordwich No. 331, G.R.C., M.M.
- "10. Burch, John, Tecumseh, 144, G.R.C., M.M.
- "11. Gee, Charles Palmer, Portland 1037, England, P.M.
- "12. Burdick, Isaac Newton, Mount Olive No. 300, P.M.

"On September 4th, 1899, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Red Deer, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. This stone was laid by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. N. Brown, D.D.G.M. After the meeting of Grand Lodge, Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown instituted Red Deer Lodge. Under the direction of Wor. Bro. Fream the various officers soon became fairly well posted in their several parts, and the Lodge in a short time was able to confer the degrees creditably.

"Immediately after the institution of the Lodge, applications for the Degrees of Masonry began to come in. At the October meeting one brother affiliated, and five new members were made. At the November meeting three more members were admitted, and at the December meeting another brother was affiliated.

"Thus the Lodge which was instituted in September with a membership of twelve closed the year with a membership of 22."

The foregoing is an extract from the historical register.

Before passing from this period, mention should be made of the

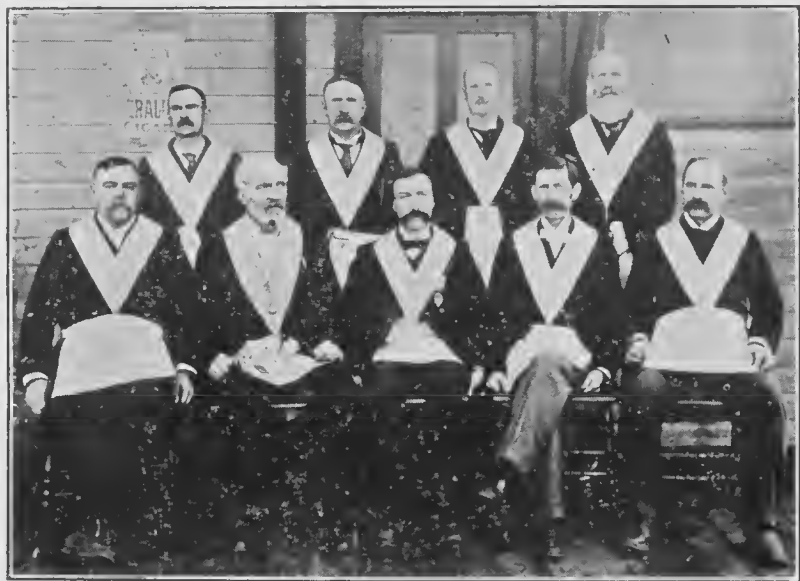
distinguished brethren present on this occasion. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. N. Brown, as Worshipful Master and Instituting Officer; Bro. W. L. Bernard, acting S.W.; Bro. C. P. Gee, P.M., acting J.W.; and Bro. J. D. O'Meara, D.D., P.G.M.; Bro. Geo. W. Greene, acting secretary. With these brethren acting in their several stations, the Rt. Wor. Brother Brown invested the following with the badges of their respective offices, viz:—

Bro. S. P. Fream	-----	W.M.
Bro. P. Pidgeon	-----	S.W.
Bro. W. Postill	-----	J.W.
Bro. J. Hinchliffe	-----	Secretary
Bro. Geo. W. Greene	-----	Treasurer
Bro. Geo. Fleming	-----	S.D.
Bro. G. A. Love	-----	J.D.
Bro. R. C. Brumpton	-----	S.S.
Bro. J. Burch	-----	J.S.
Bro. Wm. Piper	-----	Tyler

(This being such an important event, I append herewith copy from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1900, pages 3 to 11, inclusive.)



St Luke's Church, Red Deer, the corner-stone of which was laid on September 4th, 1899, with Masonic ceremonies by R W. Bro. F N. Brown, D.D.G.M. of Ninth Masonic District, G.R.M.



FIRST OFFICERS RED DEER LODGE No. 73
G.R.M., A.F. & A.M.

Sitting:—W. Postill, J.W.; G. C. P. Gee, D.C.; S. P. Fream, W.M.;
P. Pidgeon, S.W.; G. W. Greene, Treas. —
Standing:—R. C. Brumpton, S.S.; G. Fleming, S.D.; G. A. Love, J.D.;
W. Piper, Tyler

"GRAND LODGE

"SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

"The M.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, assembled in the Public School House, at the Village of Red Deer, District of Alberta, on the afternoon of Monday, September 4th, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899, at 4 o'clock.

PRESENT

R.W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown (28)-----as Grand Master
W. " William Leigh Bernard (28)---as Deputy Grand Master
W. " Sidney Philip Fream (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Senior Warden
W. " Charles Palmer Gee (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Junior Warden
W. " William Piper (Red Deer, U.D.)----as Grand Treasurer
W. " George Wellington Greene (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Secretary
W. " Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Chaplain
W. " George Fleming (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Senior Deacon
W. " George Albert Love (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Junior Deacon
W. " Rev. Spencer Henry Cubitt (28)----as Grand Organist
W. " Robert Cutsforth Brumpton (Red Deer, U.D.)-----
as Grand Steward
W. " John Burch (Red Deer, U.D.)-----as Grand Steward
W. " Charles S. Eggleton (65)-----as Grand Tyler
M.W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara (1), Past Grand Master,
and brethren from various Lodges and Jurisdictions.

GRAND LODGE OPENED

"The Grand Lodge was opened in form by M.W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, Past Grand Master, who announced that the Special Communication of Grand Lodge was for the purpose of laying with Masonic ceremonies the corner stone of St. Luke's Church (Anglican).

"R.W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, D.D. Grand Master, then assumed the Grand Master's Chair.

"The procession having been properly formed, the brethren marched to the site of the building.

"On arrival the Acting Grand Master, Past Grand Master and Grand Officers were received by His Lordship the Bishop of Calgary and the Incumbent and office bearers of the Church, and took proper and convenient positions on the platform where the corner stone was to be laid.

"Bro. Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, Acting Grand Chaplain, then invoked a blessing upon the undertaking, imploring that the building might be completed without accident to those engaged in its erection.

"Bro. George Wellington Greene, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the following scroll about to be deposited in the cavity in the stone:

**In the Name of and by Favor of the Great Architect of
Heaven and Earth**

"On the 4th Day of September, A.D. 1899, A.L. 5899,

"And in the 63rd year of the reign of our Most Gracious Sovereign,
VICTORIA

"Queen of Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies.

"His Excellency the EARL OF MINTO, Governor-General of the
Dominion of Canada.

"The Right Honorable WILFRED LAURIER, Premier of the
Dominion of Canada.

"Hon. A. E. Forget, Lieut.-Governor of the North-West Territories.

"Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, Premier of the North-West Territories.

"Most Rev. Robert Machray, D.D., Archbishop of Rupert's Land.

"Right Rev. W. C. Pinkham, D.D., Bishop of Calgary.

"Rev. G. C. d'Easum, M.A., Rural Dean of Edmonton.

"Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, B.A., Priest in charge of St. Luke's
Church, Red Deer.

"George W. Greene, Esq., and Edward Burch, Esq., Church
Wardens of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.

"S. Wilson, Esq., H. M. Cherry, Esq., C. J. S. Reid, Esq., and R. E.
Burch, Esq., Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.

"M.W. Bro. John Leslie, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba.

"R.W. Bro. Robert S. Thornton, Deputy Grand Master.

"R.W. Bro. William A. Windatt, Grand Senior Warden.

"R.W. Bro. Samuel B. Jameson, Grand Junior Warden.

"R.W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown, D.D. Grand Master Ninth Masonic District.

"R.W. Bro. John McKechnie, Grand Treasurer.

"R.W. Bro. William G. Scott, Grand Secretary.

"R.W. Bro. James A. Sutherland, Grand Registrar.

"R.W. Bro. Rev. John W. Muirhead, Grand Chaplain.

THE CORNER STONE

Of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer.

"Was laid by R.W. Bro. Eugene Nelson Brown, D.D. Grand Master, according to the rules and usages of our Ancient Craft, which may God ever bless and prosper.

"Bro. William Piper, Acting Grand Treasurer, placed a box in the cavity of the stone containing the following:

" 'A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, current issues of the Edmonton Bulletin, Calgary Herald, Calgary Tribune, Innisfail Free Lance, Manitoba Free Press, and a copy of the first issue of the Edmonton Post. Also current coins of the Dominion of Canada.'

"Bro. Stephen Wilson, representing the architect of the building, Mr. H. D. Johnson, of Edmonton, then presented to the Acting Grand Master the plans of the proposed building and the working tools to be used, who handed them to the proper officers.

"Bro. Rev. Joshua Hinchliffe, Incumbent of the Parish, on behalf of himself and the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, then presented the Acting Grand Master with a silver trowel having engraved thereon the following inscription:

"Presented to

EUGENE NELSON BROWN, D.D.G.M., A.F. & A.M.,

"By the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, Red Deer,

"September 4th, 1899.

"The Acting Grand Master then descended to the place where the stone was to be laid, and spread the cement over the surface of the resting place.

"The stone was then lowered, with three distinct stops, into its proper place.

"The following hymn was then sung:

THE MASON'S HYMN

"Master Supreme, Great Architect,

"Deign to accept our heartfelt praise:

"O guide us by Thy Sovereign Hand

"And consecrate this stone we raise.

"Around this spot may peace be found,
 "May Faith, Hope, Charity divine,
 "And unity the golden tie,
 "With love and friendship here combine.

"Give Corn and Wine and Oil to all,
 "May plenty from Thy bounteous store,
 "With all the blessings of Thy love,
 "Upon this land be flowing o'er.

"The Acting Grand Master addressed the Acting Grand Officers as follows:

"Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, what is the proper jewel of your office?

"D.G.M.—The Square.

"G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

"D.G.M.—To square our actions by the square of Virtue, and prove our work.

"G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to that portion of the Foundation Stone which needs to be proved, and make report.

"The R.W. Deputy Grand Master applied the Square to the stone, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be square, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

"The Acting Grand Master addressing the Acting Grand Senior Warden, said: Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

"G.S.W.—The Level.

"G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

"G.S.W.—Morally to remind us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

"G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the Foundation Stone and make report.

"The R.W. Grand Senior Warden applied the Level, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone to be level, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Acting Grand Master then addressing the Acting Junior Grand Warden, said: Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, what is the jewel of your office?

"G.J.W.—The Plumb.

"G.M.—What are its moral and Masonic uses?

"G.J.W.—Morally it teaches Rectitude of conduct, and we use it to try perpendiculars.

"G.M.—Apply the implement of your office to the several edges of the Foundation Stone, and make report.

"The R.W. Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb, and said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I find the stone is plumb, the Craftsmen have performed their duty.

"G.M.—This Corner Stone has been tested by the proper implements of Masonry. I find that the Craftsmen have skilfully and faithfully performed their duty, and I declare the stone to be

well formed, true and trusty, and correctly laid according to the rules of our Ancient Craft.

"Let the elements of consecration now be presented.

"The Acting Deputy Grand Master came forward with the vessel of corn, which he scattered on the stone, saying:

"I scatter this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessings of bounteous heaven be showered upon us, and upon this and all like noble undertakings, and may T.G.A.O.T.U. inspire the hearts of this people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.'

"All the brethren responded—'So mote it be.'

"The Acting Grand Senior Warden came forward with a vessel containing wine, which he poured upon the stone, saying:

"I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless this country and all who are in lawful authority over us, and grant that religion, freedom, progress, and prosperity may perpetually prevail, and that the voice of joy and thanksgiving may be heard everywhere throughout the land.'

"All the brethren responded—'So mote it be.'

"The Acting Grand Junior Warden came forward with a vessel containing oil, which he poured upon the stone, saying:

"I pour this oil as an emblem of peace and consolation. May the Great Disposer of events cause peace to prevail more and more upon earth and good will among men; give comfort and consolation to the sorrowing and bereaved; provide and protect the widow, the fatherless, and the suffering poor; and bestow upon us all the consolation of His grace in the trials and vicissitudes of life.'

"All the brethren responded—'So mote it be.'

"The Acting Grand Chaplain then delivered the following invocation, all the brethren remaining uncovered:

"May the All Bounteous Author of Nature bless the people of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences and comforts of life. May He assist in the erection and completion of this undertaking: protect the workmen from accident; long preserve the structure from decay and ruin; and grant unto us and to all men an abundant supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.'

"All the brethren responded—'So mote it be.'

"The Acting Grand Master advancing, struck the stone three times with the gavel, and the public Grand Honors were given.

"The Acting Grand Master then delivered over to the architect the implements of architecture, saying:

"Worthy Sir, having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, entrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same.'

"M.W. Bro. Rev. James Dallas O'Meara, D.D., Past Grand Master, then ascended the platform and addressed the officers of Grand Lodge and the brethren and those assembled, as follows:

"Men, women and children here assembled,—be it known unto you all that we be true and lawful Freemasons, bound by solemn obligations to be loyal to our sovereign, to be obedient to the laws of our country, to assist in the erection of structures of public utility and of stately, superb and sacred edifices, to be serviceable to our brethren, to practise universal benevolence, and to love and serve our Heavenly Father, the Great Architect and Ruler of the Universe.

"We have among us secrets faithfully transmitted to us from time immemorial, and which may not be improperly revealed, but they are lawful and honorable, and they are placed in the custody of Freemasons, who have the keeping of them to the end of time.

"Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we would not have existed in so many countries for so many ages, nor would we have out of every order and rank in church and state, so many illustrious brothers in our fraternity, ever ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our prosperity.

"We have assembled here this day, in accordance with our immemorial customs, to assist in the erection of a structure of public utility, and our humble prayer to Almighty God is, that He may greatly prosper its construction, and that it may long be preserved for the convenience and welfare of the Masons of this place."

"This was followed by an eloquent and instructive address from M.W. Bro. O'Meara to the brethren and others assembled.

"The procession was then re-formed and the brethren proceeded to the Lodge Room of Red Deer Lodge.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

"There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in form at 5:15 o'clock, p.m."

"WM. G. SCOTT,

"Grand Secretary."

[Seal of the Lodge]

From the minutes of a meeting held September 12th, 1899, the following motion was carried:—

"That the trowel used by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. N. Brown, D.D.G.M., at the laying of the cornerstone of St. Luke's Church, be engraved with Bro. Brown's name and formally presented to him."

It is interesting to note also that a vote of thanks of this Lodge was given to Eureka Lodge, Lacombe, for the loan of working tools and regalia for the Institution on September 4th.

I may state that the Lodge commenced its meeting nights with the second Tuesday in each month. The same night of meeting is observed at the present time after twenty-five years.

Friendly and fraternal relations have always existed between the sister Lodges of Lacombe and Innisfail, and from a very early date, as the following extract from minutes of meeting dated November 14th, 1899, will substantiate:—

"That invitations were extended to Eureka Lodge, Lacombe; Innisfail Lodge, Innisfail, to attend the next regular meeting when three brethren are to be raised."

(Author's Note:—This was the first raising in the newly instituted Red Deer Lodge, which, I am informed, was held in the Public School, now used as the High School. Only one or two meetings, however, were held in this building, as it was found unsuitable owing to its public character. The brethren then used a room in the Wilkins' Block, known as "Wilkins' Hall", over the store now occupied by J. J. Dale, barber. This, however, proved to be unsatisfactory, and a hall was secured over Brumpton & Gaetz's general store, now occupied by the G.W.V.A. as a club room.)

Another motion which will be interesting, it having been made at such an early date, and apparently no action taken, was:—

"That the secretary be instructed to procure a suitable book in which to place unmounted photographs of members of the Lodge."

(Author's Note.—No trace of above book or photographs can be found. This indeed would have been very valuable for this historical occasion.)

At a meeting held December 12th, the Worshipful Master expressed great pleasure at seeing so many visitors present from Innisfail Lodge, and from Eureka Lodge, Lacombe. The minutes state that the visiting brethren each addressed the Lodge, giving advice and encouragement to the members. Continuing with extracts from this meeting held December 12th, 1899, one cannot help being impressed with the loyalty and patriotism of its members. It was moved that the secretary be instructed to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the Lodge to Brother Miller, who is now fighting in South Africa. This motion was carried with the singing of the National Anthem.

"The year 1900 was opened by a visit from the D.D.G.M. of this District, Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown, who appeared entirely satisfied with his visit and expressed great pleasure at the progress and prospects of the Lodge."

(Author's Note.—The date of this official visit was January 5th, 1900.)

At a meeting held January 9th, 1900, the Wor. Master appointed the following committee to manage the Lodge room, in conjunction with a similar committee representing the Loyal Orange Lodge. I am authoritatively informed that the members moved into this new Lodge room, and that a joint lease with the L.O.L. was drawn up, the new Lodge room being located over a store occupied by Messrs. Smith & Gaetz, being at present occupied by the Great War Veterans' Association, near the Canadian Pacific Railway depot.

Under the heading of "General Business" at a meeting held February 13th, 1900, the following motion was adopted:—

"That a frame be procured, arranged in such a way as to hold a group photograph of the Charter Members in the centre, and a photograph of the successive W.M.'s in their order."

(Author's Note.—No trace of this can be found.)

The first Masonic ball in Red Deer was held on April 20th, 1900, in the Alberta Hotel (now demolished). I am informed that about eighty attended, and in a report submitted to the Lodge at their meeting held May 8th, Bro. Pidgeon stated that the Ball Committee had completed its work and that they had a balance of \$2.30 proceeds of the ball, to hand over to the Lodge. The Committee received a hearty vote of thanks for the thorough manner in which they did their work.

Under the heading of "General Business," at a meeting held May 8th, 1900, the W.M. drew the attention of the Lodge to the fact that this would be the last meeting U.D.

At this meeting a resolution was passed extending the thanks of the Lodge to the Rt. Wor. Bro. Brown, D.D.G.M., for the interest he had taken in it while it was U.D., and for the secretary's desk he had given to the Lodge.

An extract from the minutes of February 13th stated that the Loyal Orange Lodge, Red Deer, were willing to sign a lease for the hall in conjunction with this Lodge, at a rental of \$75.00 per annum.

It will be interesting to note that in the minutes dated July 10th, 1900, Red Deer Lodge No. 73, G.R.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, this being the first intimation that the Lodge had been given No. 73 on the Grand Register of Manitoba. At this meeting also, the question of providing a fund for building a hall was discussed.

The following extract appears in the Historical Register:—

"The first break in the ranks of the members made by death now became apparent. Bro. R. M. Miller, a Charter Member, fell at Ladysmith, Natal, fighting for his Queen and country."

"On August 14th, 1900, Red Deer Lodge No. 73, G.R.M., was duly constituted, consecrated and dedicated by Rt. Wor. Bro. John de Sousa, D.D.G.M., who also installed officers. In the evening the Lodge gave a supper to which all Masons in the district were invited, after which the members presented Wor. Bro. S. P. Fream, first W.M. of the Lodge, with a gold chain and charm as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them."

In connection with the above, let me quote from the report of Rt. Wor. Bro. John de Sousa, D.D.G.M. ninth Masonic District, as submitted by him and contained in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1901, pages 170 and 171:—

"My first official act was the constitution and dedication of Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, under their charter, also the installation of the officers of that Lodge on August 14th, A.D. 1900. A large number of the brethren of Red Deer and sister Lodges were present. I was accompanied by W. Bro. F. F. Higgs, P.M. Bro. C. P. Marker S.W. of Perfection Lodge, No. 60, Calgary; also Bro. Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin, Chaplain of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, Calgary, all of whom very kindly assisted me in the ceremonies."

"One of the very pleasant duties which I was called upon to perform during my term of office was the presentation of a testi-

Call all and every our Right Honourable Eldership and Young Brethren.

Wm. Robert Stirton Thornton

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Warrant for Constitution of Red Deer Lodge No. 73, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.,
14th June, 1900.

monial and a handsome P.D.D.G.M.'s jewel to R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown, at a regular meeting of Bow River Lodge, No. 28, held on the 8th of October, 1900. The presentation was made on behalf of Red Deer Lodge, No. 73, as a token of the high esteem in which the R.W. brother is held among the members of that Lodge, and was appropriately acknowledged by the recipient."

At a meeting held September 11th, 1900, a communication was read from the Secretary of the Viceroy of India, dated June 6th, acknowledging the receipt of \$25.00 from this Lodge, as a donation to the India Famine Fund.

Mention should be made of the fact that the members attended the opening services of St. Luke's Church on Sunday, November 4th, a dispensation having been granted by the G.M. to attend divine service in Masonic clothing.

Installation of officers. On December 27th, 1900, the following officers were duly installed:—

Wor. Bro. Pidgeon	-----	W.M.
Bro. Postill	-----	S.W.
Bro. Fleming	-----	J.W.
Bro. Brindle	-----	Secretary
Bro. Hinchliffe	-----	S.D.
Bro. Somerset	-----	J.D.
Bro. Bannerman	-----	S.S.
Bro. Tallman	-----	J.S.
Bro. Beatty	-----	Tyler

(Author's Note.—It is regretted that the minutes omit the names of the installing officers on this occasion.)

Before closing the history of Masonic activities during the year 1900, mention should be made of the fact that this new Red Deer Lodge was in the ninth Masonic District, and in a report submitted by the D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. E. Nelson Brown, the following appears:—

"Red Deer Lodge, U.D., Red Deer—I instituted this Lodge on the 4th of September. On the 5th of January I visited it officially, and I was much pleased with the progress it had made. The second degree was conferred upon two candidates. The work could hardly be excelled by any Lodge in the District. The officers are well-posted and take a keen interest in their work. They have convenient rooms and all the necessary paraphernalia. The books are well attended to. The Historical Register not only contains a full account of the present Lodge, but the Secretary has written up a short history of the former Lodge (Red Deer Lodge, No. 59), which was instituted several years ago, now extinct. I have much pleasure in being able without any reservation to recommend that a charter be granted to this Lodge. The Lodge has contributed \$25 to the India Famine Fund."

You will observe that Red Deer Lodge was designated No. 59. This is the first record I have found of any number being given to the old Lodge.

The following is also an extract from the D.D.G.M.'s report to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 1900:—

"The most important Masonic event of the year in this District was the laying of the corner stone of St. Luke's Church (Anglican) at Red Deer, Alta., on the 4th of September, 1899, and the instituting of Red Deer Lodge, U.D., at the same date. In these ceremonies M.W. Bro. Rev. Dean O'Meara kindly assisted me. The beautiful silver trowel presented me by the Vestry of St. Luke's Church on the occasion is one of my most valued treasures.

"There is only one death to report, Bro. R. M. Milne-Miller, of Red Deer Lodge, U.D., who went to South Africa just at the outbreak of the present war. He enlisted in the Natal Carbineers and was one of the brave defenders of Ladysmith. On the 18th of December last he visited Klip River Lodge, A.F. & A.M., E.R. One of the enemy's shells burst in the Lodge room, killing Bro. Miller and wounding several others. Red Deer Lodge has dedicated a page of their Historical Register to his memory. There has been no Lodge of Instruction held in this District during the year, although I find that it is the custom in all the Lodges to meet for practice. The Lodges are such a distance apart that there can be but little visiting. Edmonton and Strathcona Lodges are only three or four miles apart, and in Calgary we have two Lodges, but there are no other Lodges in the District within visiting distance of each other."

Below is an extract from the Historical Register, but one or two matters of historical interest also appear worthy of mention, on looking through the minutes for this year.

"In the year 1901 the Lodge held its meetings in the room over Smith & Gaetz's Hardware Store, a number of good men being initiated, and the Lodge became fairly strong."

An emergent meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening, February 7th, 1901, at which the W.M. explained that he had called this meeting for the purpose of attending the memorial service of Our Late Majesty, the Queen. The memorial service, I am informed, was held at St. Luke's Church (Episcopal).

An emergent meeting was held in January to consider the advisability of building a Masonic Hall, and, after considerable discussion, a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to look into the matter of financing the proposal.

At a meeting held on December 10th, 1901, Immediate Past Master Fream was presented by the Red Deer Lodge with a Past Master's Jewel.

The following extract is from the report of the D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. O. E. S. Whiteside, as submitted to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and contained in the proceedings of same, page 327, 1902:—

"Red Deer Lodge, No. 73.—On Friday evening, 22nd November, 1901, I visited this Lodge and was greeted with a good attendance. The officers are all well posted. This is a very young Lodge. Its members have not as yet got a very good hall or very suitable furnishings, but they are in a fairly good financial position and talk of building a hall of their own. The books are well and neatly kept. I was particularly impressed with the desire for

In
Memoriam
of

—Bro Robert Michael Milne-Miller—

Charter Member of
Red Deer Lodge

Who died whilst fighting as
a Volunteer to uphold the
integrity of the British
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knowledge and the evident ability existing among the younger members of this Lodge, and if kept together I will expect great things of them."

An Installation meeting was held on December 27th, 1901, and the following officers were invested and installed. (No record of installation officer):—

Bro. W. Postill	-----	W.M.
Bro. Geo. Fleming	-----	Senior Warden
Bro. J. Hinchliffe	-----	Junior Warden
Bro. Geo. W. Greene	-----	Treasurer
Bro. H. H. Gaetz	-----	Secretary
Bro. G. W. Burkell	-----	S. Deacon
Bro. Geo. Beatty	-----	J. Deacon
Bro. F. H. Tallman	-----	S. Steward
Bro. O. Fleming	-----	J. Steward
Bro. A. B. Purdy	-----	Tyler

Thus the officers for the year 1902 were duly installed. The only activity recorded in the Historical Register for this year was apparently the discussion of a building, as the following extract will show:—

'In the year 1902 the members of the Lodge began to think seriously about building a lodge room of their own. Two lots on Gaetz Avenue were purchased and retained by the Lodge for the above named purpose. Estimates were obtained as to the cost of building, but for some reason or other the matter dropped.'

This history would not be complete, however, and due credit to Wor. Bro. Postill would not be accorded unless some mention were made of the more important matters dealt with. According to the minutes, the Lodge contributed a sum towards the erection of a monument in memory of the late M.W.G.M. O'Meara.

A motion was also carried at a meeting held February 12th, 1902, that the secretary be instructed to effect the purchase of Lots 7 and 8, Block 18. An amendment was moved that two lots be purchased in Block 17 on Blowers Street, facing the Methodist church. This, however, was lost. (This, of course, refers to the old Methodist church).

The members of the Lodge also made a levy of one dollar on each of its members, to be applied to the fund being raised for the purpose of entertaining the members of the Grand Lodge and visitors at Calgary.

In the minutes of a meeting held November 11th, 1902, the following appears:—

"It was moved by Bro. Greene, seconded by Bro. Hinchliffe, and adopted, that Red Deer Lodge No. 73, A.F. & A.M., under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, being a subordinate Lodge located at Red Deer in the N.W.T., become a body corporate under the provisions of Sec. 8 of Ordinance No. 34 of 1895 of the North West Territories."*

(Author's Note.—(*)No record can be found of any action being taken on this motion.)

A committee was also appointed for the purpose of considering furnishing a ward in the proposed Hospital at Red Deer.

At a meeting held Saturday evening, December 27th, 1902, the following brethren were invested and installed in their respective offices. (No record of installing officers):—

Bro. Geo. Fleming	-----	Worshipful Master
Bro. J. Hinchliffe	-----	S. Warden
Bro. Geo. W. Greene	-----	J. Warden
Bro. H. J. Denovan	-----	Treasurer
Bro. G. A. Love	-----	Secretary
Bro. T. F. Ellis	-----	Tyler
Bro. H. H. Gaetz	-----	Sen. Deacon
Bro. Geo. Beatty	-----	Jun. Deacon
Bro. W. H. Cottingham	-----	Jun. Steward

"In 1903 the Lodge was called upon to mourn the death of a number of its members. Wor. Bro. Gee, Bro. H. Sharples, and Bro. Tom Brindle were called away. As Bro. Gee left his wife and family in destitute circumstances, the Lodge had the privilege of exercising its charitable inclinations."

During this year many discussions took place regarding the finances of the Lodge; in fact, a committee was appointed to deal with this matter, and a report was submitted to the members. (No details of same can be found).

It is interesting to note, however, that at a meeting held July 14th, 1903, the following resolution was adopted:—

"In accordance with notice previously given, that the Bylaws re Dues and Initiation Fees be changed, to make the regular Lodge dues \$6.00 per year, payable half-yearly in advance, and the Initiation fee \$40.00 including payment for the candidate's apron."

It can be rightly surmised from the above that at this time the members were somewhat seriously concerned about the Lodge finances, and this, I am informed, was correct. In fact, at a meeting held August 11th, 1903, a resolution was made:—

"That a special assessment of \$2.00 be levied upon the members of the Lodge."

This, however, was lost, and an amendment appointing a committee to make a full special report upon the finances of the Lodge was carried.

Despite the fact that financing was somewhat difficult at this time, a report from the "Furniture" Committee showed that an expenditure of \$37.05 for seats, lamps and table had been made.

An Emergent meeting was held on Sunday, December 27th, 1903, and the members of the Lodge "attended in a body" Divine service at St. Luke's Church, when a sermon suitable to the occasion was preached by Bro. Hinchliffe, the Rector.

Extract from minutes of meeting held Tuesday, December 29th, 1903:—

"Bro. Hinchliffe, the Worshipful Master-elect, was installed."

The following officers were installed and invested:—

"S.W.—Bro. Gaetz

"J. W.—Bro. Love

"Treas.—Bro. Drake

"Sec.—Bro. Stephenson

"S.D.—Bro. Beatty

"J.D.—Bro. Ellis

"Tyler—Bro. Evans

"S.S.—Bro. Geissinger

"J.S.—Bro. Cornett

"The W.M. appointed Bros. Tallman, Springbett and Purdy a Finance Committee."

Thus the officers for the year 1904 were duly installed; and while the following extract from the Historical Register is very brief and states that the interest of the members in lodge matters began to wane at this time, the records of the Minute Book show a real Masonic activity and a very fraternal spirit existing between them, although little degree work was done during the year.

"In 1904 the Lodge acquired a lot on Eccles St. and built a small house for the accommodation of Mrs. Gee. The interest of the members in lodge matters began to wane a little at this time, and very little degree work was done this year."

At a meeting held February 26th, 1904, the Finance Committee presented its further report on the Secretary's books. On the motion of Bro. Tallman, seconded by Bro. Purdy, the report was accepted, and the recommendation to appoint W. Bro. Hinchliffe and Bro. Gaetz to write up the late Secretary's books was adopted.

While this is not a pleasant duty, it is essential and proper in compiling an authentic history to state the facts; and from information gathered there was no doubt some neglect on the part of the past secretary in his work. In fact, at a previous meeting the secretary had tendered his resignation, and no doubt this was due to the fact that the previous work of the books had been neglected. I am pleased to state, however, that Bro. Stephenson did not resign, and his minutes were completed through the whole year, and from the observations of the writer they were very complete and thorough.

One Dollar per capita was levied to assist in the Grand Lodge expenses. The Grand Lodge was to be held in Edmonton in the forthcoming June.

At a meeting held March 8th, 1904, Bro. Drake reported that he had procured the gift of a Masonic carpet from a friend in England. The carpet was received, as the following motion will show:—

"Moved by Bro. Postill, seconded by Bro. Pidgeon, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the donor of the Masonic carpet, and to Bro. Drake for his efforts in securing it."

At a subsequent meeting held November 14th, 1905, the following motion was passed:—

"That a letter of greeting to Bro. Jas. Husk, New Market, (*) England, expressing our good wishes in consideration of his kindness to this Lodge in presenting us with a carpet."

(Author.—(*) This should read Newmarket.)

This motion will be of interest. Bro. Stephenson gave notice that at the next regular meeting he, or some other brother, would move that the work be changed from the American rite to the York or Old Scottish rite. At the next regular meeting, however, Bro. Stephenson withdrew the motion, of which he gave notice at last meeting, re changing the work.

At the Lodge meeting held June 14th, R.W. Bro. Scott, of Winnipeg, addressed the Lodge, and at a meeting held in October the D.D.G.M. addressed the Lodge.

During the year there is no doubt that the Finance Committee were lax in their duties, according to the following from minutes of meeting of July 12th:—

"The following Resolution was passed: That the members of the Finance Committee be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Lodge for reprimand. Carried."

Also in the minutes of meeting held December 13th, 1904, the following:—

"The secretary was instructed to notify the Finance Committee that it is their duty to audit the books of the secretary and of the treasurer, and report in writing to the Lodge.

"Bro. Purdy promised to present a statement to the Lodge."

It is rather interesting to note that a resolution was passed at a meeting held November 9: "The Baptist Church leased at a rental of \$1.00 per Sunday the front room of the Lodge."

CHAPTER III

"In 1905 was formed the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Red Deer Lodge, which was numbered 73 on the Grand Register of Manitoba, became No. 12 on the Grand Register of Alberta. The Lodge was honored by the election of Bro. Hinchliffe to be first Grand Registrar of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

The above extract from the Historical Register, important as it appears, does not convey any idea of the activity of the members of Red Deer Lodge for the year 1905. Without doubt, this year was an epoch in the history of Masonry in the Province of Alberta. As can naturally be surmised, following in the train of an organization of a new Grand Lodge, many of the smaller Lodges of the province took new life, and also others began to be formed in towns where none existed. While it is not the writer's intention, nor do I consider it necessary, to enlarge on the consequent fillip and impetus given to Masonry by the birth of a Provincial Grand Lodge, it must be admitted, however, that from information and knowledge derived from succeeding records, Red Deer Lodge, with the advice and assistance from her governing body, and the closer proximity to the same made much progress and attained a higher standard of proficiency in conducting her affairs as a Masonic body. Neither do I think that all this was due to the coming of the new Grand Lodge. It was a very happy coincidence for Red Deer Lodge that for this year the destinies of the Lodge were to be presided over by Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, a brother methodical in all he undertook and with a large fund of information on many subjects, of sterling integrity and fidelity to principle, and under his rule and guidance the Lodge made rapid progress.

Before entering upon the activities of the Lodge for the coming year, a brief extract from "Freemasonry in Canada" relative to the formation of a "Grand Lodge in Alberta" will be of interest:—

"At the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Manitoba in 1884 charters were granted to Lodges at Regina, Moosejaw and Calgary. These, with the Lodges at Edmonton and Prince Albert, might legally have formed a Grand Lodge for the Northwest Territories, which comprised the Districts of Saskatchewan, Assiniboia and Alberta, all being under one territorial government. As even then it was deemed probable that the Provincial formations were not far distant, it was recognized that a Territorial Grand Lodge would be broken up by the division of the territories into provinces. It was accordingly decided to leave in abeyance any desire to form a Grand Lodge.

"The three districts forming the Northwest Territories have now been divided into two provinces, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Assiniboia being now absorbed by the other two.

"The political changes which culminated in the division of the old Northwest Territories into the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan on the first of September, 1905, precipitated the division of the Manitoba Grand Lodge, for, though it was long considered by many brethren that the large number of Masonic Lodges in the Canadian Northwest and their separation by hundreds of miles from the central authority necessitated a change, the spirit of loyalty to Manitoba was so strong that nothing short of absolute necessity could change it.

"'Provincial Autonomy' was expected in the spring of the year 1905, and accordingly the 'Medicine Hat Lodge,' No. 31, took the initiative. It was at their request that Bow River Lodge, No. 28 (the oldest Lodge in Alberta), called a convention in Calgary on the 25th of May, 1905, the result being the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on October 12th, 1905, when out of eighteen Lodges within the political boundaries, seventeen were represented by seventy-nine delegates, and the change was adopted."

At a meeting held December 27th, 1904, the following officers were invested and installed:— (No record of installing officer.)

Bro. H. H. Gaetz	W.M.
Bro. Love	S.W.
Bro. Beatty	J.W.
Bro. Drake	Treas.
Bro. Payne	Secretary
Bro. Denovan	Tyler
Bro. Hagey	S.D.
Bro. Purdy	J.D.

On Sunday, January 1st, 1905, the members attended Divine service at the Methodist Church, where a sermon was preached by Bro. G. A. Love.

At a meeting held April 11th, 1905, a communication was read from O. W. Healey with regard to forming a Grand Lodge for Alberta. It was moved and carried—

"That this Lodge, while willing to give its allegiance loyally to a Grand Lodge of Alberta if such is formed, does not feel warranted in taking action for the formation of such a Grand Lodge at the present time."

The following motion was also made at this meeting:—

"That the Lodge room be not used for any other purpose than Masonic purposes, and that the Secretary be instructed to notify all parties using the hall of the Motion of the Lodge, and collect the rents."

This was not carried, but deferred to a later date.

A communication was read from Bro. MacDonald, of Calgary, with regard to holding a "convention" to discuss the forming of a Grand Lodge for Alberta. The following motion was adopted:—



R.W. Bro. Wm. Postill 1902
R.W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe 1904

W. Bro. Geo. Fleming 1903
R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz 1905

"That we be represented at the convention to be held at Calgary on the 6th of July, 1905, for the purpose of considering the establishment of a Grand Lodge for Alberta."

At a subsequent meeting held July 11th, 1905—

"The W.M. reported on the convention held at Calgary on the 6th of July."

(No record of this report can be traced.)

Extract from Minutes of November 14th, 1905:—

"A special assessment of 50 cents per head was levied on the members of the Lodge for the purpose of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

On December 12th, 1905, the D.D.G.M. paid an official visit to the Lodge. The following extract appears:—

"The District Deputy Grand Master was admitted to the Lodge in due form."*

(*) The following report from the D.D.G.M., First Masonic District, R.W. Bro. MacDonald, was submitted to Grand Lodge, page 11, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1906:—

"On December 13th, accompanied by Brothers Moodie and Meiklejohn, I visited Red Deer Lodge No. 12. I did not see any degrees conferred as it was the night for the election of officers. The brethren of this Lodge are all bright Masons and the future looks bright. The books are well attended to and the dues well paid up."

From the minutes of the same meeting the following extract appears, under the heading "Election of Officers":—

"Bro. Love was declared elected for the office of W.M., but resigned."

At a meeting held December 27th, 1905, the following officers were installed and invested:—

Wor. Bro. Pidgeon	W.M.
Bro. Geo. Beatty	S.W.
Bro. Albert Thorburn Stephenson	J.W.
Bro. William Ernest Payne	Treasurer
Wor. Bro. Joshua Hinchliffe	Secretary
Bro. George Albert Love	Chaplain
Bro. Amos Bristol Purdy	S.D.
Bro. Herbert Hazelwood Drake	J.D.
Bro. Thomas Frederick Ellis	S.S.
Bro. Robert William Greene	J.S.
Bro. Bertram P. Alford	Tyler

The following extract from the Historical Register appears:—

"In 1906 for the first time Red Deer Lodge was forced to elect a P.M. as its W.M., in the person of Wor. Bro. Pidgeon. At the meeting of Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. Pidgeon was elected on the Board of General Purposes, and Wor. Bro. Hinchliffe to be Grand Chaplain."

Extract from minutes of meeting held January 5th, 1906. A resolution was passed:—

"That the Lodge pay the expenses of one delegate to the next meeting of Grand Lodge at Medicine Hat."

Red Deer Lodge has always taken its responsibilities in the district, as the following motion will show:—

"An account of \$3.30, being the Lodge's share of the cost of purchasing uniform for the D.D.G.M., was presented, and, on motion of Bros. *Stevenson and Faulks, was ordered paid."

(*) This should be Stephenson.

This is the first record of the Lodge's doing this, and it is done to the present day.

Extract from minutes of meeting held January 15th, 1906:—

"On motion of Bros. Stephenson and Purdy it was decided that a special assessment of 50 cents per member be made, proceeds to be used to aid sufferers in the San Francisco disaster."

At a meeting held Tuesday, August 14th, 1906—

"the Most W. Grand Master and R. W. Bro. Wade addressed the Lodge."

One of the outstanding historical events of Masonry in Red Deer was the formation of a second Lodge, which became known as "Kenilworth Lodge." The first record of any activity to organize this Lodge appears in the minutes of a meeting held September 11th, 1906:—

"Bros Collison and Hill asked for the Lodge's permission to organize a second Lodge in Red Deer, working under the Canadian rite."

The following resolution was passed:—

"That the three principal officers of the Lodge be a committee to consider the request of Bros. Hill and Collison, and to report it at a meeting to be called by the W.M., and as the matter is urgent the W.M. be recommended to call such meeting at as early a date as possible."

An emergent meeting was held on Tuesday, September 25th, 1906.

"The W.M. stated that the meeting had been called to consider a request from Bros. Hill and Collison for permission to organize a second Lodge in Red Deer.

"Bros. Collison and Hill stated their case."

"Moved by W. Bro. Gaetz and Bro. Payne that the petition be granted. Carried."

The foregoing is all the records of this meeting, and there apparently was not any dissenting member to the proposal. I am informed, however, by the sitting Worshipful Master at that time, Wor. Bro. Pidgeon, that the only fears existing in the members' minds was the feasibility of the two Lodges being able to function properly, owing to the small population of the town.

"The Festival meeting was held Thursday, December 27th, 1906."

"The following were installed and invested:—

Bro. A. B. Purdy	W.M.
Bro. A. T. Stephenson	S.W.
Bro. H. H. Drake	J.W.

To all and every our Right Worshipful, Eldershipful, Eldershipful and Young Brethren

We George McDonald.

Grand Master

Send Greeting, Know Ye

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Red Deer Lodge

The Brethren, we have the honor to inform you that the same has been decided upon by the Brethren of the same Lodge, to hold a meeting on the 12th inst. at 8 o'clock, P.M. at the Red Deer Lodge, for the purpose of electing a new Grand Master and Wardens, and also for the purpose of receiving the new members of the same Lodge, who have been admitted since the last meeting of the same Lodge. We have the honor to inform you that the same has been decided upon by the Brethren of the same Lodge, to hold a meeting on the 12th inst. at 8 o'clock, P.M. at the Red Deer Lodge, for the purpose of electing a new Grand Master and Wardens, and also for the purpose of receiving the new members of the same Lodge, who have been admitted since the last meeting of the same Lodge.

Warrant for Constitution Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., 12th October, 1905.

Bro. S. G. Cowan	S.D.
Bro. F. H. Tallman	J.D.
Bro. R. W. Faulks	S.S.
Bro. A. W. Fead	J.S.
Bro. R. W. Greene	Tyler

(No record of installing officer.)

"In 1907 the Lodge began to look up. More degree work was done than in the previous two or three years. At the meeting of Grand Lodge, Wor. Bro. Purdy was appointed Grand Pursuivant; Wor. Bro. Hinchliffe as D.D.G.M. for District No. 1, and so, with Wor. Bro. Pidgcon still holding the office to which he was elected in 1906, Red Deer Lodge had three Grand Lodge officers amongst its members.

"In April of 1907 a second Lodge, called Kenilworth, working the so-called Canadian rite, was formed in Red Deer.

"On Wednesday, November 20th, the Lodge was called to an emergent meeting to attend the funeral of Bro. George Beatty, who died on the 14th idem."

"At a meeting held January 8th, 1907, the Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master and the R.W.D.D.G.M. honored the Lodge by their presence on an official visit."

The following is an extract from Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1907, page 20, submitted by R.W. Bro. J. T. MacDonald, D.D.G.M., District No. 1:—

"Red Deer, No. 12—I left Calgary to visit this Lodge at their regular meeting in July, but as the train was late, I found to my regret, on my arrival, the Lodge had been closed.

"On January 8th I again visited the Lodge, and saw the first degree conferred in a capable manner by the officers. The books are neatly and correctly kept. On this occasion I had the pleasure of the company of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rev. G. H. Hogbin."

Extract from minutes of meeting held March 12th, 1907:—

"A communication was read from W. Bro. Ouimette, W.M. of Kenilworth Lodge U.D., asking for permission to use Lodge room, regalia, etc., and also that a committee be appointed to arrange terms for the use of lodge room and regalia."

The following motion was passed:—

"That the Secretary inform W. Bro. Ouimette that this Lodge gives permission to Kenilworth Lodge U.D. to use lodge room and regalia on the occasion of its institution, and also that a committee be appointed as W. Bro. Ouimette requests. Carried."

The following from pages 30-31, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1908, as submitted by R.W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe, D.D.G.M. No. 1:—

"My first official act, which was performed immediately after my installation, was to recommend that a dispensation be granted to brethren at Red Deer to form Kenilworth Lodge, U.D., and to the brethren at Gleichen."

"KENILWORTH LODGE, U.D., RED DEER

"Having received instructions to do so, I instituted this Lodge on March 14th, 1907. Although the membership was small, there was great enthusiasm, and prospects were good.

"On August 21st, I visited this Lodge at a regular meeting. Good attendance of members. Routine business was gone through easily and quickly. The E.A. Degree was conferred in a reverent and serious manner. Great care was taken to impress the candidate with the solemnity of the rite. The W.M. and officers of this Lodge are earnest and zealous, and their work is second to none in District No. 1. I congratulate the Secretary on his books, which are in perfect condition. I visited this Lodge again in October. Officers still zealous, splendid work, and the bright prospects which this Lodge had at its inauguration were being realized.

"RED DEER LODGE No. 12, RED DEER

"I visited this Lodge at a regular meeting on May 14th, 1907. Not a large attendance of members. The business of the evening was attended to in proper form. The First Degree was conferred in a fairly creditable manner, and the W.M. gave the lecture in really fine style. Although the W.M. and the Wardens show great interest in the work, they do not receive the support they should receive from the members generally. The books were written up to date."

June 11th, 1907, extract from minutes:—

"The W.M. and W. Bro. Gaetz were appointed a committee to lease the Hall for another year, if possible."

This hall was located above the premises now known as the Liberty Cafe, on the south side of Ross Street, Block 10.

Despite the fact that another Masonic Lodge in the town had just been organized, the members of Red Deer Lodge, for some unknown reason, saw fit to raise their initiation fees; and at a meeting held on September 11th, 1907, the following extract appears:—

"That the by-laws of the Lodge be amended so as to make the initiation fee \$50.00 instead of \$40.00."

At the same meeting this resolution also appears:—

"That the by-laws of the Lodge be amended so as to make two regular meetings each month, on the second and fourth Tuesday. Carried."

(Author's Note.—No record can be found in the preceding minutes indicating that a notice of motion was put in, but it appears that the resolutions were accepted by the members as being in proper form, as they were carried, and the copy of the original by-laws was amended to read "Fifty Dollars", i.e. in a copy of by-laws on file which were adopted at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of April, 1904, the following appears:—

"IX FEES (a) The Fees for the three degrees shall be \$40.00."

I have gone into this matter rather fully to substantiate the fact

that action was taken on the raising of fees, but no record can be found to substantiate that the resolution making two regular meetings a month was ever incorporated in the by-laws of the Lodge; but the minutes of meetings held after this do designate them as regular meetings when two were held in the same month. It should be stated, however, that these so-called "two regular meetings" were not held every month, and only in a very few instances was the second meeting held called a regular meeting in the Minute Book, and this evidently was discontinued, as after a few months the second meeting held in the month was termed "an emergent meeting."

At a meeting held October 8th, 1907:—

"On behalf of the Lodge, the W.M. presented Bro. Hinchliffe, D.D.G.M., with a Past Master's jewel and the sum of \$35.00."

"On behalf of R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown, Bro. Hinchliffe presented the Lodge with a beautiful Square and Compasses for altar use."

November 20th, 1907:—

"A special emergent meeting was held to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Geo. Beatty."

At a meeting held January 3rd, 1908, by permission of a dispensation from Grand Lodge:—

"Officers installed in regular form as follows:—

"Stephenson, Albert Thorburn	-----	W.M.
"Payne, William Ernest	-----	S.W.
"Tallman, Francis Hinks	-----	J.W.
"Parker, Robert Curtis	-----	S.D.
"Faulks, Ronald W.	-----	J.D.
"Lewis, John Alexander	-----	Treasurer
"Cornett, Roy G.	-----	Secretary
"Gactz, Jas. Ferrier	-----	S.S.
"Callison, Guy Alexander	-----	J.S.
"Logan, R.	-----	Tyler"

Copy of resolution from minutes of meeting held January 14th, 1908:—

"Wor. Bro. S. Warden Payne read the following motion: That at the next regular meeting I, or some brother for me, will move that the fee be placed at \$40.00 for the three degrees, and that the by-laws be amended accordingly."

At the following meeting held January 28th, 1908:—

"Bro. Payne moves that the fee be \$40.00; seconded by Bro. Parker."

"Bro. Ellis moved an amendment that the fee still stand at \$50.00."

"The motion carried."

Thus you have the fee raised to \$50.00 and back again to \$40.00 in the space of six months. No doubt some local condition was responsible for the change, but no information on this point can be obtained.

Extract from Historical Register, page 9:—

"In 1908 early in the year Bro. T. F. Ellis was stricken down with apoplexy, and during the year was almost helpless. No deaths occurred during the year among the members of the Lodge. Owing to the financial stringency, not many applications were received though four undesirable persons wished to apply to join, but their applications were refused. Some good material was got into the Lodge, and during the year the question of building a new Lodge room on the Lodge property on Gaetz Avenue was seriously discussed, but owing to finances being in poor shape it was decided not to attempt anything for a year or two. The Lodge meetings were better attended than last year. No banquet was held nor a church service. The Lodge worked in harmony during the year with Kenilworth Lodge and assisted in the dedicating of the new Lodge."

At a meeting held January 28th, 1908, the following appears:—

"Lodge called from labor to refreshment for one hour at 9:15.

"An informal meeting was then held and Brothers of Kenilworth Lodge took part in discussion and meeting.

"Grand Junior Warden J. T. MacDonald, of Calgary, addressed the Lodge upon the inauguration of a Masonic fair in connection with the Dominion Fair at Calgary in 1908, for the purpose of establishing a Masonic Home and School.

"Bro. Ouimette moved, seconded by Bro. Ellis, that the meeting is heartily in accord with the movement brought forward by Bro. MacDonald, and that a joint meeting of Red Deer Lodge, Kenilworth and Eastern Star Lodges be called at an early date to discuss the matter. Carried."

In the minutes of a meeting held February 26th, 1908, the following appears:—

"Report of committee appointed on Masonic At Home, per Bro. Tallman, received, stating that they recommend that the surplus of \$26.00 of the Masonic At Home be held as a nucleus towards establishing a Masonic Home and School. Carried."

Extract from minutes of meeting held February 26th, 1908:—

"That Bro. Payne be asked to procure from G. W. Greene the transfer of Lot on Gaetz Avenue owned by the Lodge and have same registered; also that, if possible, the important books of the Lodge be kept in a safe. Carried."

I am authoritatively informed that, as the Lodge was not incorporated, these lots were purchased on behalf of the Lodge by Bro. G. W. Greene.

At a meeting held March 24th, 1908, the following resolution was passed:—

"That all Past Masters of the Lodge be requested to give their photographs."

(Author's Note.—No record of this being carried out can be found.)

Extract from minutes of meeting held June 9th, 1908:—

"That this Lodge take steps to show its appreciation of the work done by Wor. Bro. Purdy during his connection with this Lodge. Carried."

"That a committee consisting of Bro. Tallman, Wor. Bro. Pidgeon and Bro. Drake be appointed to arrange for a present and presentation to Wor. Bro. Purdy, and that they collect a subscription of 25 cents per member of the Lodge to pay for same. Carried."

It is rather interesting to note that at a meeting held August 11th, 1908:—

"Bro. Tallman presented report of committee appointed re telephone connection.

"That the telephone had been connected at 85 cents per month from date of connection to October 1st, and \$5.00 from October 1st to April 1st, 1909, and that Kenilworth were to pay half the amount."

It should be noted that at a meeting held September 8th, 1908:—

"A communication from Wor. Bro. P. Fream enclosing dues and asking for demit.

"Moved and seconded that the request be granted and that the Secretary be instructed to send a letter of regret to Wor. Bro. Fream, and also to ask for a photograph for Lodge room. Carried."

At a meeting held October 13th, 1908:—

"The Most Worshipful G. M. Canon Hogbin gives a very impressive address to the Lodge and the two newly made Master Masons."

The following from page 62, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1909, as submitted by R.W. Bro. James I. Brewster, D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District:—

"RED DEER LODGE No. 12, RED DEER

"I visited a regular meeting of this Lodge, November 10th, 1908. There was a good attendance and the business of the Lodge was carried on in first-class order. This seems a prosperous Lodge and the books are well kept. As there were no Degrees conferred I could not judge their proficiency in this part of the work."

"KENILWORTH LODGE No. 29, RED DEER

"I first visited this Lodge on May 29th, 1908, when the Lodge was dedicated and constituted by R.W. Bro. Canon Hinchliffe and assisted in the ceremony, and again on June 17th, 1908, and delivered the Charter. On June 24th, 1908, I visited this Lodge and installed the officers. On November 4th, 1908, I saw the Second Degree conferred by the W.M. in a very able manner. For a new Lodge, this one is working splendidly and the members are very enthusiastic."

Regular meeting held Tuesday, December 22nd, 1908, under the heading of

"Officers elected for 1909 as follows:—

"Bro. W. E. Payne -----	W.M.
"Bro. F. H. Taliman -----	S.W.
"Bro. R. W. Faulks -----	J.W.
"Bro. J. Carswell -----	Treasurer
"Bro. J. A. Lewis -----	Secretary
"Bro. R. Bruynserade -----	Tyler"

"A vote of thanks was next passed to Bros. Botterfil and Hill for acting as scrutineers."

While the minutes do not show any other officers appointed, the Historical Register (page 33) shows the following appointments:—

Moore, Charles Wilfred Gwennap ----	Chaplain
Neville, Herbert George Harvey ----	S. Deacon
Callison, Guy A. -----	J. Deacon
Phillips, William -----	S. Steward
Krause, Frderick -----	J. Steward
Bruynseraede, Rene -----	Tyler
Logan, William -----	Acting Tyler

It should be stated that the above officers were not invested and installed until Tuesday, February the 9th, 1909. No reasons are given for the delay in carrying out the installation. This installation ceremony was performed by W. Bro. Pidgeon.

The Lodge at this time had its difficulties financially in carrying the lots which had been purchased, according to the following motion passed at a meeting held 13th of April, 1909:—

"That the Wor. Master, Wardens and Treasurer borrow the necessary money to make up the balance of amount required to pay the taxes on the lots which are the property of the Lodge (\$176.27 in all)."

This is substantiated also by a motion passed at a meeting held May 11th:—

"That a committee to act with a committee from Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, re securing a reduction of the rent of the Lodge room from Bro. Brumpton."

"Bro. Tallman (at a meeting held June 8th) submitted report of committee appointed to make inquiries re renting another lodge room, and that Bro. Brumpton had agreed to reduce the rent of present hall to \$200 per annum from the 15th July."

An Emergent meeting was held Sunday, July 18th, 1909—

"To attend the funeral of our late Bro. T. F. Ellis."

Extract from minutes of meeting held 10th August, 1909:—

"That a copy of the following resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Ellis: That Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., desires to express its sympathy with Mrs. Ellis and family on the untimely death of Bro. T. F. Ellis, who has always been a faithful member and attendant of our Lodge."

At a meeting held September 14th, 1909:—

"Bro. Neville, on behalf of committee appointed to take into consideration the removal of the Lodge to more suitable quarters, made a report re progress, viz.: That the present room had been leased for a term of three years at \$15.00 per month (payable in advance). The owner to make the necessary alterations and the rent to be paid to the carpenters and painters."

The above lodge room referred to was located over the hardware store occupied by F. H. Tallman, where now stands the new addition to the W. E. Lord Company's store on Gaetz Avenue South.

The D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Pidgeon, paid an official visit to the Lodge on Tuesday, November 9th, 1909.

The following extract from page 86, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1910, as submitted by R. Wor. Bro. P. Pidgeon, D.D.G.M., District No. 4:—

"On November 9th I visited Red Deer Lodge No. 12. The attendance was not satisfactory. The W.M. and officers are enthusiastic and put on the degree work very creditably but do not seem to have the support of the membership that they merit. The books are correctly and neatly kept and are written up to date."

"On March 19th I was instructed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to call a joint communication of Red Deer No. 12 and Kenilworth No. 29. This I called for March 21st. I accompanied the M.W. Grand Master to this communication and regret to report that the attendance of members was very small. There was no degree work as the candidate who was expected was unable to attend. I have taken up the matter of non-attendance with both Master of Red Deer No. 12 and Kenilworth No. 29 and an effort is being made to secure a better attendance."

The election of officers for the ensuing year (1910) took place at a meeting held Tuesday evening, 10th December, and the following were declared to be duly elected, viz:—

James William Hey	-----	Worshipful Master
Herbert George Neville	-----	Senior Warden
William Ernest Lord	-----	Junior Warden
John Alfred Carswell	-----	Treasurer
Charles Wilfred Gwennap Moore	----	Secretary

The following extract appears regarding the installation of officers at a meeting held December 27th, 1909:—

"The installation of the officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year was then solemnized in due form and ceremony by the Rt. Wor. District Deputy Grand Master Pidgeon."

(Author's Note.—It is regretted that the names of the brethren installed are omitted from the records in the minutes.)

Before passing to the year 1910, mention should be made that during the year just closed the Lodge had labored under very heavy financial obligations. They were paying rather heavy taxes on property and, owing to the general financial condition existing at the time, not many were offering themselves as candidates for Masonry. The members of the Lodge, however, used very great discretion, and practised economy,

moving into more suitable lodge rooms and at a cheaper rental. The records also show that a great effort was made to collect outstanding dues, and a number of members were suspended for non-payment of dues. There is no doubt that the Lodge was really financially stronger at the end of this year owing to the diligence of the officers of the Lodge for the past two years.

I regret that the Historical Register does not contain any record for the years 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913. Despite this fact, however, it will be my endeavor to continue the history and quote from the records as contained in the minute books of the Lodge, and make it as interesting as possible, in order that the reader may follow the activities, development and growth of Masonry among the brethren of Red Deer Lodge No. 12.

A motion was unanimously passed at a meeting held January 11th, 1910, making Rt. Wor. Bro. Pidgeon an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

It is rather interesting to note this extract from minutes of a meeting held February 8th, 1910:—

“Bro. (name stated) was passed to the Second or Fellow Craft Degree, with all its privileges and responsibilities.”

An Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Monday, March 21st, A.D. 1910, A.L. 5910.

“Officers, members and visitors as per register. The reason of the meeting was the official visit of W.G.M. Macdonald. Both Lodges were summoned for the occasion.

“The W.G.M. then gave an interesting and practical address. He expressed his disappointment at the small turn-out of members and said that if a joint meeting of the Lodges could produce no larger attendance, it was clear that there should not be more than one Lodge. He dwelt upon justice, truth, universal benevolence and temperance being virtues which the brethren should cultivate. Short speeches by W. Bro. Pidgeon, Bros. Paterson, Collison and Botterill followed. The closing of the Lodge was done by W. Bro. Botterill of Kenilworth Lodge.”

(Author's Note.—The above is an extract from the minutes of the meeting, and this being the first joint meeting of the two Lodges, a record of same should be made. The register for this date shows that there were seventeen members present including The Most Worshipful The Grand Master.)

A communication from “W. Grand Master, ordering a Lodge of Mourning for our beloved King Edward VII.”

“A Draping Committee was appointed to act in conjunction with a committee from Kenilworth Lodge.”

Regular meeting held December 27th, 1910:—

“Installation:—The installation of the officers for the ensuing year was then solemnized in due form and ceremony by the Wor. Bros. Hey and Pidgeon.”

(Author's Note.—It is regretted that the minutes of this meeting do not contain the names of the brethren installed, neither does the Historical Record contain any information in this regard. We can safely



R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson 1908
W. Bro. J. W. Hey 1910

W. Bro. W. E. Payne 1909
W. Bro. W. E. Lord 1911

presume, however, that the following officers, elected at a meeting held Tuesday, December 13th, 1910, were those installed:—

William Ernest Lord	W.M.
Robert Cutsforth Brumpton	S.W.
William Springbett	J.W.
John Alfred Carswell	Treasurer
William Ernest Payne	Secretary
William Spiers	Tyler

Other officers appointed:—

Bro. Evans	S.D.
Bro. Bruynseraede	J.D.
Bro. White	S.S.
Bro. McCaskill	J.S.
Bro. Moore	Chaplain

Early in the year the Lodge had the privilege of conferring Honorary Membership on two of its beloved and distinguished brethren, and at a meeting held on February 14th, 1911:—

“Upon a vote being taken the W.M. declared W. Bro. Hinchliffe and W. Bro. Postill Honorary Members of the Lodge.”

The work of the Lodge at this time appeared to be rather heavy; at a meeting held the 11th day of April,

“It was moved and adopted that Bro. White be appointed Assistant Secretary.”

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop, and the D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. W. R. Wilson, paid an official visit to the Lodge on May 9th, 1911.

The following extract is from page 48, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1911, as submitted by R.W. Bro. W. R. Wilson, D.D.G.M. District No. 4:—

“On May 10th, 1911, I visited Red Deer Lodge No. 12, and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 jointly, along with the M.W. Grand Master J. J. Dunlop. The Lodge room was crowded and the Grand Master delivered a very impressive lecture.”

At a meeting held 13th of June, 1911, “a request was received asking the Lodge to join in Parade on Coronation Day.”

It was moved and adopted:—

“That we do not accept the invitation, owing to Kenilworth Lodge not being invited.”

(Author's Note.—This was a parade organized in the town to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty, King George V.)

A committee was appointed at this meeting, in conjunction with Kenilworth Lodge, to decorate the Lodge building for Coronation Day.

At this meeting, “the secretary, owing to pressure of business, resigned, and on motion it was unanimously accepted.”

At the following regular meeting held July 11th, 1911, Bro. Moore was appointed secretary pro tem.

A special meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, was held in the Masonic Lodge room on the 28th day of

November, 1911. Lodge was opened in due form by the officers of Red Deer Lodge No. 12.

"The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree at 9:05, and the M.W.G.M. Bro. McNabb was received with the customary honors."

While the minutes do not state, neither is there a copy of the Register among the records of the Lodge for this meeting, I am authoritatively informed that the District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, was also present at this meeting. I have also verified this fact from the register of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, which is signed by Rt. Wor. Bro. A. T. Stephenson as D.D.G.M.

The Lodge was closed in due form by the officers of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, after which a banquet was tendered M.W.G.M. McNabb at the Alexandra Hotel.

At a meeting held 12th December, 1911:—

"On ballot being taken the following officers were declared elected:—

'W.M. -----	Bro. Springbett
"S.W. -----	Bro. Evans
"J.W. -----	Bro. Moore
"Treas. -----	Bro. Carswell
"Secretary -----	W. Bro. Hey
"Tyler -----	Bro. McCaskill"

The next record in the minute book is of a meeting held April 8th, 1912, a lapse of three months. After diligent search of the Lodge records, I found a rough minute book in which the following extract appears:—

"Business General, same as Regular. Minutes not read owing to absence of minutes, secretary reporting that the old book could not be found."

Another extract from same "rough minutes":—

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon addressed the Lodge on a laxity that had existed in the Lodge for the past twelve months:

"1. Grand Lodge returns; Aprons not handed to M.M.; no notices sent out for last meeting; last notice typewritten—this was not right.

"He thought that we should do business in a business way and strongly urged the officers especially to do things right."

"W.M. stated that he knew that accounts had been passed in December and were not yet paid."

It is not a pleasant duty to record the above facts, but this Historical Record would be a false one if it did not contain the true conditions as they existed, and there is no doubt that at this time the condition of the Lodge was far from satisfactory, as will also be substantiated by the following report submitted to Grand Lodge by the D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, who was also a member of this Lodge:—

RED DEER LODGE No. 12, RED DEER

"This, my mother Lodge, is making the same good progress as the other Lodges in the district are. Financially it is one of the strongest Lodges in the Province, owning some valuable property on one of the main streets. The work of the Lodge is well conducted, though I regret that the books have not been kept written up to date. The Lodge room is also too small for the attendance at times. At present the matter of building a Masonic Temple is under consideration."

(Author's Note.—There is no record of the installation of officers for this year, and no doubt these minutes were never copied into the minute book which is now in the possession of the Lodge, and no record is contained in them regarding the Installation meeting for 1911. A number of blank pages have been left in the minute book, and it can be surmised that it was the intention of the secretary to copy these missing minutes.)

"The Goat and the Lodge." Often one hears the old saying of "Riding the Goat," and no doubt this incident will remain fresh in the memories of many members who were initiated during the year 1911, when the Lodge was located over the Tallman Hardware Store. A fine big Angora goat, owned by a citizen and usually running at large or on some vacant lots close by, used to pay visits to our Lodge room, and on one occasion had to be ejected from the Lodge. Often, owing to the intense heat in the room, the doors were left open. The goat in question used to make himself quite at home among the members of the craft; and during the ceremonies could be heard running about the ante-rooms. The author, having been initiated at this time, can vouch for the above incident.

At a meeting held May 14th, 1912:—

"Wor. Bro. Hey informed the Lodge that he found it absolutely impossible to act as secretary, and asked that some one be appointed before the end of the month."

"It was moved by Wor. Bro. Pidgeon, seconded by Wor. Bro. Lord, that Bro. Snell be appointed Assistant Secretary for the balance of the year 1912."

The following extract from the minutes of meeting held July 9th, 1912, will be of interest:—

"Moved by Bro. Snell, seconded by Bro. L. M. Gaetz:—Whereas the members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M, are deeply indebted to the noble Past Masters of this Lodge, for efficient services rendered in the past, and wishing to express in some tangible manner their appreciation, we, therefore, beg to move that the members of this Lodge purchase and present to the Past Masters a P.M. apron at the next regular meeting and that in future all P.M. will be presented with this apron upon the completion of their term. Carried."

Extract from minutes of meeting held August 13th, 1912:—

"The W.M. called upon Bro. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain Pearson to present the Past Masters with their new aprons.

"In a few well chosen words, on behalf of the Lodge, the Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain made the presentation of the aprons, and hoped that the new aprons would be an incentive for the P.M.'s to attend the regular meetings of the Lodge, and assured them that their presence was needed just as much now they had passed through the chair as before. He hoped they would wear their aprons with equal pleasure to themselves and honor to the fraternity."

"Wor. Brothers Pidgeon, Stephenson, Payne and Hey made suitable replies."

At a meeting held October 22nd, 1912:—

"The W.M. informed the brethren that the meeting was called to put on Degrees and receive a report from the Building Committee."

"Wor. Bro. Hey gave a verbal report for the committee and presented the plans from the architect for the new building, and gave an outline of the same."

It was moved, seconded and carried:—

"That a vote of thanks be extended the Building Committee for their efforts in supplying the Lodge with plans for a new Masonic Temple, and that this Committee be authorized to continue perfecting the plans and at the next regular meeting present a suggestion of ways and means for financing the project."

At the regular meeting held November 12th, 1912, Wor. Bro. Stephenson presented the following report from the Building Committee:—

"Red Deer, November 12th, 1912."

"To Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Brethren,

"Red Deer Lodge, No. 12.

"Brethren:—

"Your committee appointed to look into the question of building a Masonic Temple beg to report as follows:—

"1. We believe the time is opportune to erect a Masonic Temple in Red Deer.

"2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to arrange the details of organization and solicit stock.

"3. That Kenilworth Lodge be requested to appoint a committee to act with the committee from this Lodge in the matter."

(Signed) "A. T. STEPHENSON,

"P. PIDGEON."

"Moved by Wor. Bro. Stephenson, seconded by Wor. Bro. Pidgeon: That the report of the committee re Masonic Temple be received and adopted, and that a committee consisting of Brethren Payne, L. M. Gaetz and Chadsey be appointed to arrange the details of organization with a committee from Kenilworth Lodge, and that they be given power to arrange for the formation of a Masonic Temple Association."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at a meeting held December 10th, 1912:—

Worshipful Master	-----	Bro. F. H. Tailman
Senior Warden	-----	Bro. F. W. Evans
Junior Warden	-----	Bro. W. E. Chadsey
Treasurer	-----	Bro. J. A. Carswell
Secretary	-----	Bro. H. J. Snell
Tyler	-----	Bro. C. T. Eline

At the regular meeting held Friday, December 27th, 1912:—

"Wor. Bro. Lord acted as installing officer. Rt. Wor. Bro. Pidgeon acted as Master of Ceremonies.

"Bro. F. Tailman was duly installed as W.M.
 "Bro. Mann ----- Senior Deacon
 "Bro. Carscallen ----- Junior Deacon
 "Bro. W. J. Stephenson ----- Senior Steward
 "Bro. Murrin ----- Junior Steward
 "Wor. Bro. Springbett...Director of Ceremonies
 "Bro. F. Young ----- Organist

"These and the other officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, with the exception of Bro. F. W. Evans, absent, were duly installed.

"Lodge closed in harmony in the 3rd Degree of Masonry at 10:30 p.m., and retired to the Alexandra Hotel where the banquet was held."

The report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the year, as submitted to the Grand Lodge, follows:—

"On March 11th I visited this Lodge. I saw the second degree conferred and the work was fairly good. The attendance of members is poor for the number of members in this Lodge. The finances are the best in this District and they intend to build a Temple in the near future. The present Lodge room is not adequate. The books are well kept."

At a meeting held January 14th, 1913, the following motion was carried:—

"That Bro. R. C. Brumpton be made an Honorary Member of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, in recognition of his past services to the Lodge."

An official visit was paid to the Lodge on March 11th, 1913, by the District Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. F. R. Mitchell.

The following extract is from page 38, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1913, as submitted by Rt. Wor. Bro. F. R. Mitchell, D.D.G.M. District No. 9:—

"RED DEER LODGE No. 12, RED DEER

"On March 11th I visited this Lodge. I saw the second degree conferred and the work was fairly good. The attendance of members is poor for the number of members in this Lodge. The finances are the best in this district and they intend to build a

Temple in the near future. The present Lodge room is not adequate. The books are well kept."

The minutes record:—

"On account of an ice-jam in the Red Deer River and the power house being flooded, there was no electric power. The regular meeting which should have been held on Tuesday, April 8th, A.L. 5913, A.D. 1913, was called off by the Worshipful Master.

"HAROLD J. SNELL, Secretary."

A combined meeting was held with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 on Monday, April 14th, A.L. 5913, A.D. 1913, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Brother Leonard Patterson.

An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall on Sunday, June 18th, to attend Divine Service at the Methodist Church.

By order of the Grand Lodge, the Secretary read a letter announcing the death of our distinguished and beloved Brother, M.W. Bro. James J. Dunlop, Past Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master. This was read in open Lodge on July 24th, 1913.

(Author's Note.—The late Most. Wor. Bro. Dunlop was a member of Jasper Lodge No. 14, and died June 12th, 1913.)

At a meeting held September 17th, 1913,

"The W.M. asked D.D.G.M. Botterill to make the presentation of the Past Master's Apron to Wor. Bro. Springbett."

"The D.D.G.M. informed us that this was one of his official visits from the Grand Lodge, but hoped to make one or two more visits before his term of office expired."

The following report (in full) as submitted at a meeting held Monday, December 29th, 1913, will be of interest:—

"To the Officers and Brethren,

"Of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M.

"Your committee appointed to take up the matter of securing new Lodge rooms in the Michener Hall in conjunction with the I.O.O.F., beg to report as follows:—

"We can secure the Oddfellows' Hall for \$60 per month, such rent to be divided equally between the I.O.O.F., Red Deer No. 12, and Kenilworth Lodges.

"Each Lodge to pay their own janitor.

"The Oddfellows to pay half the electric lighting bill, while the other half to be divided equally between the two Masonic Lodges.

"The Eastern Star Lodge to have use of the room free of charge.

"Mr. Michener, the owner of the hall, to make the necessary alterations and repairs to the room consisting of partition across the West end of the present hall leaving anteroom of 12 feet in depth the full width of the hall, closing up the present doors leading into the room, and cutting one new door, changing the electric lights as directed, and re-tinting the walls and ceiling. The in-

structions and supervision of above alterations and repairs to be come from the three Lodges, the accounts after the completion to be handed to Mr. Michener.

"The Masonic Lodges to supply their own carpet and new furniture.

"The expense of fixing the platform around the room to be shared equally by the three interested Lodges.

"In the event of a Chapter being formed, the rent received from this Lodge to be equally divided between the Oddfellows, Red Deer No. 12, and Kenilworth Lodges.

"The lease to be made out in the name of Red Deer No. 12.

"For the further information of the brethren we might add that the approximate cost of new furniture consisting of carpet, pillars, altar, wands, three pedestals, and sundry items would approximate \$450 to \$500, as near as we can find out at the present time.

"We further beg to report that in taking the Oddfellows' hall, we can secure after midsummer the premises now occupied by Mr. Fleming, at a further rental of \$25 a month, providing, of course, Mr. Michener proceeds with his new block and Mr. Fleming takes space in it, as now contemplated. These additional rooms would make a fine banquet hall.

"We also beg to report that there is a strong probability of securing new lodge rooms 80x30 for Masonic purposes only, during the coming summer at a rental of \$75 per month, with heating, lighting, janitor extra. This lodge room would be so arranged and equipped to suit our own requirements. We can secure the same on a three or five year lease with the option of discontinuing the same at any time should a Masonic building be erected.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"COMMITTEE,

"P. PIDGEON."

"Red Deer, December 29, 1913."

At this same meeting the following officers were installed by D.D.G.M. Botterill, assisted by Wor. Bro. Coote:—

"Worshipful Master ----- Walter E. Chadsey

"Senior Warden ----- James I. Mann

"Junior Warden ----- Harold J. Snell

"Treasurer ----- John A. Carswell

"Secretary ----- William J. Stephenson

"Tyler ----- Thomas A. Gaetz

"W.M. Chadsey named the following brethren for their respective offices, who were installed by D.D.G.M. Botterill:—

"Chaplain ----- Wor. Bro. Springbett

"Senior Deacon ----- Bro. Harold S. Dean

"Junior Deacon ----- Bro. F. A. McEwan

"Senior Steward ----- Bro. C. H. Stone

"Junior Steward ----- Bro. William A. Hadley

"Director of Ceremonies -----

Rt. Wor. Bro. A. T. Stephenson

"It was moved by Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, seconded by Wor. Bro. Payne, and carried: That our thanks be accorded to D.D.G.M. Botterill and Wor. Bro. Coote for the very able manner in which they had installed the officers this evening."

Let me quote from the District Deputy Grand Master's Report of District No. 9, (Rt. Wor. Bro. W. J. Botterill) as submitted to Grand Lodge and contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, pages 54-55, Vol. 1, Part X, 1914:—

"I found all Lodges doing good work, and the Master and officers proficient, the several Degrees being conferred on many bright, young candidates. The statistical returns which accompany this report show the flourishing condition of Masonry in District No. 9.

"The Secretaries in practically all cases had their books in good shape, including the historical registers, which in some cases were exceptionally well written, particularly with the younger Lodges.

"The Lodge rooms are comfortable, well equipped and secure, with the exception of Red Deer, but the two Lodges there have leased the entire second flat of a new block, and when they move to their new quarters will have rooms more in keeping with their membership and work."

CHAPTER IV

"1914. This year has been marked by a revival of interest in and enthusiasm for our 'venerable institution' in general and Red Deer No. 12 in particular.

"Worshipful Bro. Chadsey brought to the office of Master a devotion to the principles of the craft and to the interests of the Lodge which acted as a real inspiration to officers and members alike.

"From a financial standpoint the year must be reviewed with satisfaction. Notwithstanding the period of unexampled financial depression through which we have been passing and the unusual expenditures incurred in connection with the furnishing of the new lodge room, which necessitated raising a small loan, the finances of the Lodge are in good shape.

"During the year we received 13 new members, demitted 4 and suspended 5, leaving us a small gain which, however, must be considered reasonably satisfactory.

"Three applications for initiation were rejected showing that care is being exercised as to the quality of members brought into the order.

"We record with thankfulness the fact that there have been no deaths among our members during the year, though one brother, B. P. Alford, suffered a bereavement in the death of his eldest daughter, a severe blow following so closely as it did the death of his wife which occurred the year before. In both of these bereavements Brother Alford has the warmest sympathy of his brothers and fellows.

"We were favored during the year with the visits of two Grand Masters, both of this jurisdiction, in the persons of Most Worshipful Grand Master S. J. Blair and his successor, M.W.G.M. J. A. Jackson.

"No special occasion prompted the visit of M.W.G.M. Blair, who made it a matter of duty and pleasure to personally visit every Lodge in his jurisdiction at least once during his term of office. This unusual example of devotion was greatly appreciated by this Lodge and we feel sure by every Lodge in the Grand Register of Alberta.

"The visit just referred to was made the occasion of the presentation of Past Master's Aprons to Bros. F. H. Tallman and H. H. Gaetz who greatly appreciated the honor bestowed through so eminent a medium.

"In March it was decided in conjunction with other Masonic bodies in the City to accept the proposal of Bro. E. Michener to

provide a new Masonic Hall on the second flat of a building on the corner of Gaetz and Mann Sts. which he contemplated extending, and in July we moved into the completed building. Within a few weeks it was newly and beautifully furnished throughout, except the club room, and for the first time the Masons of Red Deer found themselves in occupation of premises fully suited to their requirements and in keeping with the dignity of the institution which they represent.

"The dedication service took place on October 27th and was conducted by M.W.G.M. J. A. Jackson, assisted by R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer, acting Deputy G.M.; R.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Grand S.W.; R.W. Bro. J. Kemmis, Acting Grand J.W.; R.W. Bro. G. H. Darlow, Acting Grand Organist; also R.W. Bros. A. T. Stephenson, P. Pidgeon and F. R. Mitchell.

"At the close of the dedication ceremony the M.W.G.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodges of District No. 9, to R.W. Bro. Botterill the D.D.G.M. Regalia which had been secured as a mark of esteem and appreciation of the work of the R.W. Bro. during his term of office as D.D.G.M.

"A very enjoyable banquet brought the occasion to a fitting close.

"Shortly after the outbreak of the great European War, which occurred on the first of August, the Dominion Government called for recruits for a Canadian contingent and before the end of the year a second call was made. Not only were these calls responded to by members of the Lodge but one of our members proceeded to England and joined the colors there in the Naval Service. The names of these brethren will be found recorded on a page of this register dedicated for the purpose by resolution of the Lodge.

"Further resolutions of the Lodge remitted all dues of such members as were in arrears at the time of enlistment and exempted them from accruing dues during the term of their Military service. Up to the end of the year no casualties occurred among our members as none of them had reached the front nor had any illness of consequence been reported.

"The serious illness of W. Bro. Chadsey occurring shortly after the midyear imposed upon him the necessity of moving to California in the hope that the climate might help him. He left in September greatly to the regret of all our officers and members who extended hearty sympathy and earnest wishes for a speedy recovery and return. Up to the present our communications from W. Bro. Chadsey inspire hope that progress toward recovery is being made.

"W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz was appointed acting Master and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson and W. Bro. W. Springbett who conducted the conferring of degrees the work of the Lodge was conducted for the balance of the year.

"With the election of new officers on the 28th of December, the year's work was closed in harmony of the brethren and with a hopeful outlook toward the future."

AN OLD AND VALUED MEMBER DEMITTED

The following resolution was passed at a meeting held February 10th, 1914:—

"That Wor. Bro. Geo. Fleming's demit be granted and that this Lodge express its sincere regret at losing so old and valued a member. Carried."

On February 20th, 1914, the Lodge was honored by an official visit from Grand Lodge officers as the extract from the minutes will show:—

"M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Alberta, and R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, D.D.G.M., were introduced by R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, and were received with Grand Masonic Honors."

M.W. Bro. Blair, Grand Master, addressed the Lodge in a very able and instructive manner, pointing out the beautiful charges in the first degree, etc., etc. He was particularly pleased with the able manner in which the initiatory degree had been conferred.

"R.W. Bro. Botterill, D.D.G.M., also addressed the Lodge, congratulating the officers and particularly the W.M. on the proficiency of the work put on. He also read Clause No. 269 of the Constitution."

"At the request of the W.M., M.W. Bro. Blair presented Past Masters' Aprons to W. Bros. H. H. Gaetz and F. H. Tallman."

NEW LODGE ROOM

At a meeting held March 3rd, 1914, a joint meeting was held with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, for the purpose of deciding on the renting of new lodge rooms. After a great deal of discussion, the following resolution was carried:—

"That Red Deer Lodge No. 12 co-operate with Kenilworth No. 29, and the Chapter, in renting the part of upper flat offered by Bro. Michener at \$50.00 per month."

This motion, however, was rescinded at a subsequent meeting held March 10th, 1914, and the following resolution adopted:—

"W. Bro. Gaetz read the following resolution passed by the joint committee of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, and representatives of Keystone Chapter:—

"Copy—Moved by H. H. Gaetz, seconded by J. Malcolm: That we, the joint committee of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 and Kenilworth No. 29, together with representatives of the Chapter, approve and will recommend to our several Lodges that Mr. Michener's offer of the whole upper floor of his proposed new building for \$75.00 per month be accepted, provided that both Lodges agree to raise their dues to \$10.00 per year.

"And that in the event of the Lodges not raising the dues to \$10.00 we will recommend the leasing of the easterly 65 ft. for Lodge purposes for the sum of \$50.00 per month; this last proposal to be subject to Mr. Michener's acceptance. Carried."

"Wor. Bro. Gaetz showed sketch plan of the proposed new Lodge room and club rooms and explained what the committee had done.

"Moved by Wor. Bro. Gaetz, seconded by Wor. Bro. Payne, that report be adopted, accepting offer of whole flat at \$75.00 per month, and that necessary steps be taken to raise the dues as recommended. Carried.

"R.W. Bro. Stephenson gave notice of motion as follows: 'At the next regular meeting I will move that the dues of the Lodge be made \$10.00 per year for members residing within this jurisdiction and \$5.00 per year for those members residing outside this jurisdiction, commencing July 1st, 1914, and the By-laws be amended accordingly.'"

The new lodge rooms were rented and the agreemeent carried out, but there is no record that the dues were ever raised to ten dollars. At a meeting held April 14th, 1914, however, the following extract appears:—

"R.W. Bro. Stephenson asked for an extension of time in which to give motion to raise dues. W. Bros. Gaetz, A. T. Stephenson and Lord were appointed as a Building and Equipment Committee, to act jointly with committees from Kenilworth No. 29 and Keystone Chapter."

(Author's Note.—To this joint committee of the other Lodge and Chapter are due the thanks and gratitude of the members of the Lodge. Through their foresight and appreciation of the future Masonic activities in Red Deer, we are privileged to sit in such a magnificent lodge room as we occupy to this present day. A photograph of same appears in this work.)

From a very detailed financial statement submitted to the Lodge by Bro. G. Wishart, secretary of the Furnishing Committee, the cost of equipment and furniture for this room is shown as \$1107.04, which is owned in conjunction with Kenilworth Lodge and Keystone Chapter.

A rather important resolution was passed at a meeting held May 12th, 1914, wherein

"It was moved by Wor. Bro. Lord, seconded by Bro. T. A. Gaetz, that the delegates to Grand Lodge confer with the delegates from Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, and if agreeable, an invitation be given Grand Lodge to meet in Red Deer next year. Carried."

At a subsequent meeting held June 9th:—

"R.W. Bro. Stephenson reported that the Grand Lodge had accepted our invitation to meet at Red Deer in 1915."

Wor. Bro. Payne, at a meeting held August 11th, 1914, presented to Red Deer Lodge No. 12 a handsome case containing set of working tools.

"Wor. Bro. Gaetz, on behalf of W.M. Chadsey, accepted the gift, and moved, seconded by W. Bro. Chadsey, that the thanks and appreciation of the Lodge be tendered W. Bro. Payne. Carried."

At a meeting held September 8th, 1914, a communication was read from

"Wor. Bro. Chadsey expressing regret at being compelled to give up his work as W. Master on account of illness."

"The following resolution was moved by R.W. Bro. Stephenson, seconded by W. Bro. Lord, and carried: 'That we, the officers and members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., learn with the deepest regret of the indisposition of our Worshipful Master, Bro. Chadsey, which necessitates his taking a rest away from Red Deer.

"We desire to take this opportunity of expressing our high regard and respect for Bro. Chadsey and our appreciation of the manner in which he has presided over this Lodge, and in all ways performed his duties as a man and a Mason. We have found him at all times ready and willing to do anything in his power for the good of the Lodge, the Craft, a brother Mason, or any deserving person.

"We wish to assure W. Bro. Chadsey that our heartfelt prayers will go upward to the Great Architect of the Universe that he may soon be restored to health to resume labor among us; and in his temporary exile from Alberta we wish him to know that when Red Deer Lodge No. 12 meets to labor, our thoughts and best wishes will be for our beloved Master, who has set an example for Masonry in Red Deer that we should all strive to follow.

"May the Supreme Being, before whose will we most humbly bow, restore Bro. Chadsey to perfect health that he may soon return to Red Deer to resume labor among us."

At a meeting held September 8th, 1914, the Lodge for the first time had the honor and privilege of recording the names of some of its brethren who responded to the call of the Empire.

"The following resolution was moved by R.W. Bro. Stephenson, seconded by Bro. Snell: 'Whereas three esteemed members of this Lodge, viz. Bros. C. R. Broughton, R. W. Alcock and B. P. Alford, and also Bro. L. F. Page, a member of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, have volunteered for Active Service with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, the members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 desire to express their appreciation of the loyalty of these Brethren in the hour of danger to Great Britain, and that a record may be kept among the archives of the Lodge.

"Be it resolved—

"1. That a page in the Historical Register be dedicated to the recording of the fact of these brethren of Red Deer Lodge volunteering for active service.

"2. That the dues of these brethren be remitted during the period they are serving their country.

"3. That a parchment certificate of their good standing in Red Deer Lodge during the period of the war be prepared and sent to each.

"4. That a copy of this resolution be sent each member, and Bro. Page, with the earnest wish of the members of the Lodge that they may be spared to return to their homes safely after having served their King and Country. Carried.'"

History of Formation and Progress

By Resolution of

Red Deer Lodge No. 12

G.R.A., A.F. and A.M., dated September 8th, 1914

This page is Dedicated in Commemoration of the fact that the following members of the Lodge, loyally responding to the call to serve the Empire on the field of battle, have enlisted for service, viz. :

1. COLIN RAMSAY BROUGHTON
2. RAYMOND W. ALCOCK
3. BERTRAM PRING ALFORD
4. CHARLES WILFRED G. MOORE
5. WILFRED PATTERSON
6. JOHN WESLEY HAGEY
7. WILLIAM HENRY HADLEY
8. ROBERT WILLIAM HARRISON
9. JAMES NURCOMBE (E.A.)
10. HENRY ERNEST WHITE
11. HAROLD JOHN SNELL (P.M.)
12. ERNEST HAROLD ADAIR
13. JOHN GRANT MacGREGOR
14. W. H. FANNING-HARRIS
15. HERBERT H. DRAKE
16. RICHARD R. PARSONS
17. RONALD WILLIAM FAULKS
18. HENRY BERTRAM GEORGE
19. HARRY HARVEY KINGZETT
20. SIDNEY HENRY SANDS
21. HARRY WALLACE
22. ERNIE W. BJORKELAND
23. JAMES IVAN MANN
24. THOMAS H. EDIS
25. EDWARD GODFREY GREENWOOD
26. THOMAS HAROLD READE
27. WALTER W. WEBB

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DEDICATION OF NEW LODGE ROOMS

An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Tuesday evening, October 27th, A.D. 1914, A.L. 5914.

"The meeting was held jointly with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, and the business of the meeting was conducted by Red Deer Lodge No. 12. Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, presiding, welcomed the many visiting brethren who were present.

"The ceremony of dedication of the new Lodge room was then performed by Most Worshipful Brother Judge J. A. Jackson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, assisted by R.W. Bro. W. F. Puffer, Acting Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Grand Senior Warden; R.W. Bro. John Kemmls, Acting Grand Junior Warden; R.W. Bro. G. H. Darlow, Grand Organist, and R.W. Bros. A. T. Stephenson, P. Pidgeon and F. R. Mitchell.

"After the ceremony of dedication had been performed, M.W. Bro. Jackson addressed the Lodge, congratulating the Red Deer Lodges on the comfortable and commodious new rooms. He made a strong appeal on behalf of the widows and orphans of the Masonic brethren who were killed in the Hillcrest mine disaster. R.W. Bros. Bishop and Kemmis also addressed the Lodge, supporting the appeal of the M.W. Grand Master for funds for this Masonic charity.

"M.W. Bro. Jackson, on behalf of Lodges of District No. 9, then presented R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, Past D.D.G.M., with a complete Past D.D.G.M.'s regalia. R.W. Bro. Botterill acknowledged the gift in suitable manner and thanked the Grand Master and the Lodges of District No. 9 for the honor conferred upon him.

"W. Bros. Gaetz and Watson briefly addressed the Lodge. The Grand Lodge officers then retired."

"After the Lodge was closed in due form, the officers, members and visitors adjourned to the banquet hall, where a dainty supper had been prepared. After ample justice had been done to the many good things provided, R.W. Bro. Botterill presiding as Toastmaster, the toast to "The King" was honored, followed by toasts to The Grand Lodge responded to by M.W. Bro. Jackson, and R.W. Bros. Bishop, Puffer and Kemmis; "The Visitors," responded to by W. Bros. McLean, Watson and Hutton; "The Past Masters," responded to by R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson and W. Bro. Coote; "The Red Deer Lodges," responded to by W. Bros. H. H. Gaetz and J. T. Watson.

"Songs were given during the evening by Bros. Anderson and Hadley, and a recitation by Bro. Gibson. The Junior Warden's toast brought the very pleasant evening to a close at 1:30 a.m."

At a meeting held December 8th, 1914,

"The Committee reported that Christmas boxes of tobacco, gum and other things, had been forwarded to the members of the Lodge now on active service with the First Canadian Expeditionary Force."



W. Bro. Wm. Springbett 1912
W. Bro. W. E. Chadsey 1914

W. Bro. F. H. Tallman 1913
W. Bro. H. J. Snell 1915

At this meeting also the following communication was read:—

"From Grand Secretary, acknowledging receipt of \$33.00 contribution to the Canadian Voluntary Field Hospital Fund."

Installation of officers was carried out at a regular meeting held December 28th, 1914, Wor. Bro. Coote and Rt. Wor. Bro. Botterill having kindly consented to take charge of the installation ceremonies:—

"The following were duly installed in their respective stations:—

"Bro. H. J. Snell -----	W.M.
"Bro. W. J. Stephenson -----	S.W.
"Bro. H. S. Dean -----	J.W.
"Bro. S. N. Carscallen -----	Treas.
"Bro. Jas. Mann -----	Sec'y
"Bro. A. G. Ayres -----	Chap.
"R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon -----	D. of C.
"Bro. C. H. Stone -----	S.D.
"Bro. W. H. Hadley -----	J.D.
"Bro. H. H. Kingzett -----	S.S.
"Bro. T. S. Miller -----	J.S.
"Bro. G. E. Fleming -----	Organist
"Bro. J. A. Jarvis -----	Tyler"

At a meeting held January 12th, 1915,

"Rt. Wor. Bro. Stephenson moved, seconded by Bro. Stone: That the Worshipful Master appoint a committee of three members from this Lodge to act with a similar committee from Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 to make preparations for Grand Lodge meeting to be held in Red Deer this year. The W.M. appointed the following Committee:—

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon,
"R.W. Bro. Stephenson, and
"Bro. T. A. Gaetz."

At this same meeting it was—

"Moved by Bro. W. J. Stephenson and seconded by Bro. Stone, That a Past Master's Apron be forwarded to W. Bro. Chadsey. Carried."

JUNIOR WARDEN LEAVES FOR DISTANT PARTS

"Bro. Dean, J.W., advised the Lodge that owing to his leaving the City for distant parts, it would be necessary for him to withdraw from the Junior Warden chair."

"Wor. Bro. Gaetz replied on behalf of the Lodge, expressing their thanks for his work in the past with us and best wishes for his new position."

(Author's Note.—The members will recall with great pleasure the very able manner in which Bro. Dean filled the position of Senior Deacon during the previous year, and much regret was felt at his departure.)

Extract from minutes of meeting held February 9th, 1915:—

"Before reading of minutes, Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Judge Jackson was received with honors, and requested

to take the gavel which he returned immediately to W.M. Bro. Snell asking him to proceed with business in the usual way." From the minutes of the same meeting the following appears:—

"Wor. Bro. Gaetz's auditor's report containing a complete, concise and exhaustive report on the Lodge's finances for 1914, was read by the Secretary. The report showed a deficit of \$1.75 for 1914, surplus assets over liabilities of \$9137.56, and arrears of dues \$221.13.

"Moved by R.W. Bro. Stephenson and seconded by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon,

"That the auditor's report be received and that balance sheet and statement of receipts and disbursements be printed and a copy sent to each member. Carried."

"Moved by Bro. Carscallen and seconded by Bro. Kingzett,

"That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered our late Secretary, Bro. W. J. Stephenson, for the thorough manner in which he kept the books and accounts of the Lodge. Carried."

"The Lodge had the pleasure of an address from M.W. Bro. Judge Jackson. Among other matters he suggested that all Lodges should be incorporated in order to properly conduct their business affairs. He also favored having brethren from the benches on committees instead of having too many past masters doing this work. He urged the brethren to assist the Hillcrest Fund and also fund for Masonic Field Hospital as much as possible. He referred to the fact of M.W. Bro. Dr. Geo. Macdonald, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Alberta, joining the Canadian Expeditionary Force. The three great principles of this crisis to his mind were brotherly love, relief, and truth. He suggested during these times of financial stress that we should direct our attention towards the intellectual and social side of Masonry, thus keeping the present members interested in the work. He also spoke on the sacredness and secretness of Masonic meetings.

"The Lodge was also favored with a few remarks from R.W. Bro. Botterill."

Extracts from meeting held March 9th, 1915:—

"That the resignation of Bro. Hadley as Junior Deacon be accepted with regret and that notice to this effect be forwarded to him. Carried."

"That Bro. Hadley be given a parchment certificate of good standing and that all dues be remitted during his service for the King and Empire. Carried."

(Author's Note.—Mention should be made here of Brother Hadley's contribution to the social side of our order, he being a singer of local fame, assisted the Lodge at its banquets, etc., in this regard, which was always appreciated.)

LIFE MEMBER OF THE LODGE

At a meeting held March the 9th, 1915,

"On a ballot being taken, Bro. William Piper was declared a life member of this Lodge."

At this same meeting an Election was held for the office of Junior Warden, with the result—

"Bro. Francis A. McEwan was declared elected Junior Warden for the balance of this term."

AT HOME

"The W.M. advised those present that the Officers would be At Home to the members and visitors at a social evening to be held in the banquet hall on Friday, March 12th, and requested a good attendance."

Extract from minutes of meeting held April 13th, 1915:—

"The following report of the Occupation Committee was read and adopted on motion of R.W. Bro. Pidgeon and W. Bro. Gaetz:

"Report: I beg to report that the Committee met Mr. E. Michener and discussed fully with him the terms of rental of the Masonic Hall and Banquet Room. The original arrangement with Mr. Michener was confirmed, viz: 'That we pay \$75 per month rental for the Masonic Hall and Club Room, and that the Banquet Hall is available for the use of the Masonic bodies upon the evenings of the first, second and third Tuesdays and the Third Friday of each month, together with any other special evenings desired for banquet purposes. Special evenings to be arranged for by Mr. Michener upon request providing that sufficient notice is given. The janitor work of the banquet hall to be furnished by Mr. Michener and the Masonic bodies to clean their own dishes.'

"Respectfully submitted,

"GEO. E. WISHART,

"Secretary for Occupation Com.

"Red Deer, 20th February, 1915."

(Author's Note.—It should be stated that the Lodge at this time used the hall over F. Michener's butcher shop, now used by the Independent Order of Oddfellows and Knights of Pythias for banquets, etc., this being suitably arranged with a small stove, etc., for preparing necessary refreshments.)

"Moved by Bro. Edis and seconded by W. Bro. Gaetz, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered W.M. Snell and his officers for the enjoyable At Home given the brethren. Carried."

"Bro. Francis A. McEwan was duly installed as Junior Warden by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon as installing officer, assisted by R.W. Bro. Stephenson as Director of Ceremonies."

"W.M. Snell gave a short but interesting address on Historical Freemasonry along the lines of when operative Masonry ceased and speculative began, which was much appreciated and enjoyed

by the brethren present, and also led to a general and interesting discussion on this subject."

At a meeting held May 11th, 1915:—

"The W.M. announced that all members desiring invitations sent to friends for Masonic Ball to hand in names to Secretary Mann by Friday of present week."

(Author's Note.—The Ball referred to was held in the Armouries in honor of the Grand Lodge Officers and their friends.)

At this meeting also,

"D.D.G.M. Rt. W. Bro. Puffer addressed a few timely remarks to the Lodge along general Masonic lines."

The tenth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Free and Accepted Masons, was held in the City of Red Deer, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, May 26th, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

"Grand Lodge united in singing the National Anthem after which the following resolution was carried unanimously amidst hearty cheers:—

"Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. H. Hogbin, D.D. (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9) "That the terms of the following resolution be cabled through the proper channel to His Majesty The King.

" "The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Alberta now in session humbly desires at this time to assure His Majesty the King, of its loyal fealty to His August Person and to the Empire.

" "We realize that with Our Allies we are engaged in a just attempt to preserve for all time, not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us and for mankind at large, those foundations of liberty, freedom, equality and justice which have been among our most prized blessings.

" "Tens of thousands of Canadian men, many of them members of our Ancient Fraternity, are offering their lives on the altar of National sacrifice, knowing that no sacrifice is too great for the preservation of National Honour.

" "We beg to assure His Majesty that the Freemasons of Alberta are ready and willing to loyally bear their share of the Empire's burden.

" "God Save the King."

"J. A. JACKSON,

"Grand Master."

The following extracts from The Most Worshipful the Grand Master's Address as presented to Grand Lodge will be of interest. (Pages 13-16-17, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1915):—

"On October 27th, 1914, with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Puffer, D.D.G.M., and other distinguished brethren, I consecrated the Masonic Lodge Room at Red Deer."



M.W. BRO. JUDGE J. A. JACKSON
Grand Master 1914

THE WAR

"I hesitate to make mention of the great war that is now raging on the Continent of Europe, knowing full well my inability to say anything worth while. When we look back the space of one short year and think of the happenings during that time, we realize to some extent that there has been a tremendous upheaval. What it means we do not know. The ways of the Most High are inscrutable, but no doubt He will in His own appointed time reveal to us His reasons for all things. I feel certain, however, that the World, full of tears, is on its knees to the Supreme Architect of the Universe and that the vaulting ambitions of man are subdued by the events of the last few months. We, all of us, have the utmost faith in the righteousness of the cause for which our Empire is fighting and in the ultimate victory that will, by the Grace of God, be ours. It is too early to attempt to say what will be the effects of the war, yet I think I can truthfully say that our Empire has been cemented together as never before. Individualism, pride, strife, petty ambitions and the money-god will not regain the places formerly held by them in the minds of people. Unity, humility, charity, benevolence and brotherhood will take their places.

"We, as Masons, have much to be thankful for in that the British Empire has given us every right and privilege we can expect to enjoy. I feel that I voice the sentiment of all when I say we should in return make some offer in addition to everything we owe as British subjects, to show our appreciation of those rights and privileges. This was in my mind when, at the invitation of Canada Lodge No. 3527, London, England, I asked subscriptions from all Masons in this Province for the maintenance of a Canadian Field Hospital Contingent. The sum asked for was one dollar from each member, and while the amount has not reached the total I would like to see, it is very satisfactory to note that fifteen hundred dollars has already been raised and most of this money is now being employed in the relief of those who are fighting our battles on the battlefields of Europe. I trust the brethren will remember that the war is not yet over and that subscriptions to this fund are needed as much today as they were months ago. I wish to express my thanks to all those who have already made their donations. My remarks on this subject would not be complete without mentioning the fact that among the many Masons who have enlisted for active service at the front, is Dr. George Macdonald, P.G.M., who has for years faithfully and zealously performed the duties of Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge. We can but show him the honor that is his due and wish him every success in his undertaking; that he may lead his men to victory and return to us none the worse for his experiences, is, I am sure, the fervent wish of us all.

"HILLCREST DISASTER

"It is needless for me to dwell upon the awfulness of the disaster in the mines at Hillcrest last June, when a number of our brethren met with death in the performance of their duties. We, as Masons, owe a duty to those brethren in seeing that their widows and children shall not want. I am pleased to state that over one thousand dollars has been raised directly by Grand Lodge and about the same amount was sent directly to Sentinel Lodge at Hillcrest for relief purposes. This money is being used wisely and the brethren may feel assured that their contributions are for a most worthy purpose. I wish to thank all the Lodges that have contributed to this cause.

"GENERAL

"While the number of Masons in this jurisdiction has not increased as rapidly as in former years, I feel greater progress has been made than ever before in the things that Masonry really stands for. The desire for knowledge, the seeking after the true brotherly love and relief, and the social, intellectual and moral sides of our Institution have come before us more prominently than in past years.

"Sincerely and Fraternaly yours,

"J. A. JACKSON,

"Grand Master."

It is also interesting to note the remarks of the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. W. E. Puffer, in his report. (Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1915, page 34):—

"On October 27th I had the honor of assisting the M.W.G.M. in dedicating the new Lodge rooms occupied jointly by Red Deer, No. 12, and Kenilworth, No. 29, and on February 11th the new Lodge room at Didsbury, occupied by King Hiram Lodge, No. 21. Each of these Lodges is to be congratulated on the progress they have made and upon securing such comfortable and commodious quarters in the new brick buildings they now occupy."

Extract from minutes of meeting held June 8th, 1915:—

"Before proceeding with business of the meeting, the W.M. congratulated R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz on his election as D.D.G.M. of this Masonic District, to which R.W. Bro. Gaetz feelingly replied. W. Bro. Watson of Kenilworth No. 29 also added the congratulations of his Lodge."

At this meeting also,

"The W.M. reported that our share of liability incurred by Grand Lodge meeting and entertainment amounted to about \$45."

"Lodge closed in third degree of Masonry at 9:30 p.m."

While there is no record of the Church Parade, the following motion appears in minutes of meeting held June 29th, 1915:—

"Moved by Bro. W. J. Stephenson, seconded by Bro. Kingzett, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Bro. Archdeacon

Dewdney for conducting our Sunday services, and that Secretary advise him accordingly. Carried."

And the following at a meeting held July 13th, 1915:—

"Committee re Sunday Services reported they had met similar committee from Kenilworth No. 29 and arranged for services in the Lodge Hall instead of marching to church as formerly."

At a meeting held September 14th, 1915,

"Bro. Michener spoke to the brethren in reference to the Patriotic Fund and their great needs the coming twelve months and asking that the Lodge members make a special donation.

"Moved by Bro. Michener, seconded by Wor. Bro. Springbett: That this Lodge endorse the proposition that each of the members be requested to contribute \$1.00 per month towards the support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund as a special donation for one year commencing with September, 1915, and that the Secretary advise all members of this motion, the money so received to be deposited in a separate Bank account. Carried."

The following extract from meeting held November 9th, 1915:—

"After opening ceremony, D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Gaetz, was received with honors and handed gavel by W.M. Snell which was returned by R.W. Bro. Gaetz with complimentary thanks."

"D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Gaetz, addressed the Lodge in his official capacity and suggested a few minor corrections in writing the Lodge minutes and offered a few suggestions to the Master and the Lodge in conducting its business. R.W. Bro. Gaetz then gave an exceptionally interesting address on 'Ethical Idealism Taught in the First Degree of Masonry', which was much appreciated and enjoyed by the members present."

Probably one of the most unique Masonic gatherings held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, was the meeting held November 12th, 1915. The following is an extract from the minute book for that date:—

"An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., meeting jointly with Innisfail Lodge No. 8, Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe, and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Friday evening, November 12, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915, to receive official visit from Grand Master M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and other Grand Lodge officers.

"W.M. Snell appointed W. Bros. Payne, and G. H. Hutton of Eureka Lodge No. 10, as a committee to introduce Grand Lodge officers who were received with Honors."

"Lodge was reduced to second degree at 9 p.m. when addresses were given by M.W. Bro. Taylor and other Grand Lodge officers which were exceedingly interesting and much enjoyed by the large number of brethren present."

Extract from minutes of meeting held December 14th, 1915:—

"Committee on gifts to soldier brethren reported matter attended to, funds for which were donated by brethren."

(Author's Note.—The members contributed freely towards this object, and a package of Christmas cheer and a letter from the Lodge was sent to all members serving their King and Country.)

At a meeting held December 27th, 1915,

"The W.M. explained that as this was St. John's night, the only business was installation of officers which duty he had entrusted to Very W. Bro. Kilburn, assisted by R.W. Bros. Stephenson and Pidgeon and W. Bro. Hey.

"Secretary read minutes of meeting of Dec. 14, A.D. 1915, A.L. 5915, referring to election of officers.

"The Installing Officer and his assistants installed the following officers in due and efficient manner:—

"Bro. W. J. Stephenson as ----- W.M.

"Bro. F. A. McEwan as ----- S.W.

"Bro. H. H. Kingzett as ----- J.W.

"Bro. A. G. Ayres as ----- Sec'y

"Bro. J. G. MacGregor as ----- Tyler

"Bro. Thos. Edis as ----- J.D.

"Bro. T. S. Miller as ----- S.S.

"Bro. J. A. Jarvis as ----- J.S.

"Bro. Fanning-Harris as ----- Chaplain

"W. Bro. Springbett as ----- Director of C.

"Bro. Stone as Senior Deacon and Bro. Carscallen as Treasurer having been installed in their respective offices at previous installation it was not necessary to re-install them."

"Correction to Minutes: Owing to the sickness of R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, D.D.G.M. No. 10; the Very W. Bro. Kilburn installed the officers, assisted by R.W. Bros. Pidgeon and A. T. Stephenson and W. Bro. Hey."

It seems only fitting and proper at the conclusion of such a year as we have just passed through that a brief mention should be made here of the work done by our beloved and esteemed Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother S. Y. Taylor, who is so well and favorably known among the members of the craft. If space would permit I would like to have his address copied in full. May I, however, quote the following extracts from his address to Grand Lodge as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, pages 14-15-16-28-29-30-31-32-33-35-36, 1916:—

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge:—

"The centuries of the existence of Freemasonry sweeping onward like a stately river toward the ocean of eternity make the course of one year seem like a little tributary on whose waters we have briefly glided to the outlet, where they mingle with the majestic flood. Yet on a journey so short and eventful, the determination of our course from time to time may have created influences which will extend beyond our lives and help to mould for weal or woe the hearts and lives of our fellow-men.

"'No man liveth to himself.' May we all endeavor to perform our allotted tasks with the utmost fidelity, remembering that—

"'Life counts not by hours, or joys, or pangs.

"'But just by duties done.'

"The year has been an eventful one, particularly on account of the mighty conflict which is now waging on the continent of Europe. Many unusual conditions existed which called for judicious solution without violating the Constitution and the Landmarks of our Order.

"During the year peace and harmony have prevailed within our Subordinate Lodges. Not a single appeal has been made to me in this regard. Our annual records show a net increase in membership of 494, which is highly satisfactory, when we consider the fact that so many of our brethren have enlisted for service at the front, that in some instances it has been difficult to properly officer the Lodge; 10 per cent of the total membership in this province have joined the ranks of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

"The supreme thought which occupied my mind when you honored me, just one year ago, by electing me to the highest office in the gift of my brethren, was that of enlarged opportunity for service. I had hoped to be able to devote my whole time throughout the year to the interests of the Craft, but circumstances which I could not control decreed otherwise. With so many other matters pressing upon me, this has been the most strenuous year of my existence, but it has in very many respects been the happiest one, and I beg leave to offer you, one and all, my profoundest thanks for the many courtesies and acts of kindness bestowed on me, as your Grand Master. I have labored untiringly for what I deemed to be the best interests of our Grand Jurisdiction and have, without partiality or favor, to the utmost of my time and ability, endeavored to maintain the high standard which the Masons of Alberta have the right to require of their Grand Master.

NECROLOGY

"'Sleep on, dear friends; such lives as thine
Have not been lived in vain;
But shed an influence rare, divine,
On those that here remain.'

"Brethren, it is meet that at this time we pause in our deliberations to pay due homage to the memory of our beloved brethren who have answered the summons to appear before the Supreme Grand Master. The dread messenger has invaded the ranks of this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, and many noble brethren of this and our sister Grand Jurisdictions have solved the mysteries beyond the Veil—for them the last act in the drama of life has ended. They have completed their allotted tasks—they have

fulfilled their destinies. While we grieve that they have passed beyond reach or recall, let us remember the teachings of Masonry, which point with infallible accuracy to an existence beyond this earthly career—a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

“ ‘It matters not at what hour of the day
 The righteous fall asleep: death cannot come
 To him untimely, who is fit to die;
 The less of the cold world, the more of Heaven—
 The briefer life, the earlier immortality.’ ”

HILLCREST DISASTER

“On Tuesday, June 15th, I spent the day visiting the scene of the Hillcrest disaster and making enquiry as to the condition and needs of the unfortunate widows and children left fatherless on account of the dreadful explosion which occurred in a mine about one year prior to that date. I visited many of these families and enquired as to their present condition and their future outlook. I found that each widow was receiving \$20.00 and each child \$5.00 per month from the Relief Fund. The compensation money had not yet been apportioned to them, but it was expected that at least the same amount would be given to each family. So long as this money is available it is felt that their needs will be satisfactorily met. It will be the duty, however, of our Grand Lodge to exercise a fatherly and fraternal interest in these families and meet any demands which may arise from any unforeseen circumstances. I am pleased to be able to state that the local committee of Masons of Sentinel Lodge, Hillcrest, have done excellent work in caring for and guiding these people through their most trying circumstances and deserve every commendation from this Grand Lodge. Those visited seemed to appreciate the presence and counsel of your Grand Master, and I would commend such an annual visitation to the consideration of my successors in office.

“During the evening I visited Sentinel Lodge and witnessed the First Degree conferred by W. Bro. Dr. Ross and his officers. The work was very satisfactorily done. At the conclusion of the evening's proceedings I addressed the Lodge on ‘The Landmarks of Freemasonry.’

INTELLECTUAL MASONRY

“There is no subject connected with our distinguished fraternity in which I am more deeply interested than that of the study side of Freemasonry. For many years I have embraced every available opportunity to know more about this, the greatest moral human institution which the world has ever known. No similar organization can boast of traditions as ancient, of usages and landmarks as universally known; of symbolism so radiant with brightest jewels of philosophies, both ancient and modern; of a ritual in sentiment as lofty, in diction as eloquent and so uni-

versally spoken. And yet how little it is studied and understood by many of its loyal members.

"Perfection in ritualistic work is highly desirable, and yet I fear there may be some who recite the work word-perfect and remain unconscious of the fact that behind this beautiful work there lies concealed thoughts and meanings which invite investigation and research.

"What we need is not only a wider and more accurate knowledge of the fundamental principles of our order, but also brethren anxious to display its teachings in their lives and conduct. It is one thing to talk Masonry, but to think it and act it may be quite another. 'By their deeds ye shall know them.' I fear that our present system teaches men to remember rather than to think.

"How to retain the attendance and interest of the ninety per cent who hold no office, while the other ten per cent are doing the work, is a problem confronting many City Lodges. Surely the giving of addresses by competent brethren during the winter months, the forming of Study Clubs and the reading of carefully prepared papers would help to bring about this much-to-be-desired object."

PATRIOTIC FUND

"Grand Lodge having resolved at its last Annual Convocation to create a Patriotic Fund for the assistance of the families of our Brethren who may be disabled or killed in battle, I issued the following circular letter:—

" '1939 Twelfth Street West,
Calgary, Alberta,
December 15th, 1915.

"To The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren
of Lodge No.-----, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.

"Dear Sirs and Brethren:

"At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, it was unanimously resolved to establish a Patriotic Fund for Masonic dependents, and being in full accord with the action then taken, I now confidently appeal to the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction to assist in this most laudable undertaking.

"Many of our loyal and devoted Brethren, who are now fighting our battles at the front, will doubtless return maimed and unfit for the active duties of life. Shall we not lovingly care and provide for such? No financial sacrifice, however great, can compensate for the loss of health and perhaps life. Let us then freely contribute as the Great Architect of the Universe has prospered us, to brighten and alleviate the distress of our heroic and self-sacrificing Brethren and those depending upon them. We have been blessed with the most bountiful harvest in the history of our

Province, and we should show our gratitude for these material blessings by a liberal contribution to this worthy object.

"My Brethren, let us hasten to practice that virtue we all profess to admire. The mightiest appeal on earth is the appeal of utter helplessness for help. The fatherless child and the widow need our sympathy and our support. The demand increases daily, and the call is urgent. May the response be prompt and generous.

"Yours fraternally,

"S. Y. TAYLOR,

"Grand Master.

"Attest: Geo. Macdonald, Grand Secretary."

"Several Lodges promptly and generously responded to the call and many others intimated that as soon as other urgent calls are met they will gladly support this cause in a worthy manner.

"While recognizing the fact that many similar demands are being made on the funds of our Brethren, nevertheless, I feel confident that every Lodge in this Jurisdiction will not be content until it has had some share in this Masonic duty.

ROLLS OF HONOR

"It was with mingled feelings of pride and sorrow that I unveiled in many Lodges, Rolls of Honor, containing the names of the Brethren who had enlisted for active service at the front. While proud that so many gallant Brethren have freely and voluntarily offered their services and their lives, if need be, in defence of King and Empire, my heart was saddened by the thought that already several Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction have made the supreme sacrifice and left behind them loved ones to mourn their loss.

"Ah, if beside the dead,
Slumbered the pain!
Ah, if the hearts that bled
Slept with the slain!
If the grief died: but no,
Death will not have it so."

"I cannot refrain from mentioning in this connection my visit to Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, on the 18th day of last month, when I unveiled their Roll of Honor, which contained the name of the gallant officer, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Boyle, who while leading his battalion in an heroic charge against the enemy, fell mortally wounded at the battle of St. Julien, just one year prior to that date.

"Bro. Rev. Capt. Muncaster, Chaplain of the 89th Battalion, assisted me in doing honor to the memory of our dearly beloved Brother."

THE WAR

"Brethren, we are now at the beginning of the third campaign of this world-wide conflict; and at this stage we may well appropriate to ourselves the invocation of the American poet:

" 'Our father's God, from out whose hand
The centuries fall like grains of sand;
We meet today, united, free,
Loyal to our land and Thee,
To thank Thee for the era done
And trust Thee for the opening one.'

"In the words of the poet, we meet today: united, free. These words were inspired by a very different occasion; they were written on the occasion of the Philadelphia Exhibition of 1876, to perpetuate the first Century of the Republic. An era was done; a new era was opening. The poet was not alone in his conception, his hopes and his trust; the most enlightened opinions of the most enlightened countries, England, France and the United States, were full of faith that this era would be one of peace and that it would see an approach, a permanent approach, to that Universal Brotherhood of Man which is the consummation of Freemasonry.

"These nations were so absorbed by this idea and had such an abhorrence of war that they would not even prepare against it, being full of confidence that the demons of war would never again be let loose on the world. But there was one power upon whom all appeals fell in vain, a power unreasoning in its mad ambition for conquest and domination. And the day came when it opened the gates and let loose its long-prepared legions, and all the infernal furies rushed out in their wake.

"The issue is still pending, and so long as it is pending, so long as Belgium has not been restored to her independence, so long as the principles for which Masonry stands are trampled in the dust, our supreme duty will be to give all the assistance in our power to Britain in the struggle which she has undertaken against the common enemy of mankind."

FINIS

"And now, my Brethren, we have come to the parting of the ways, and I must lay down the gavel and return to private life among you.

"Your trust and love have been very dear to me; your confidence reposed has evoked my most loyal efforts to serve you and the distinguished honor you have conferred on me is esteemed above expression.

"During the remaining years of my life I shall cherish the memories of those halcyon days when I went in and out among you, your honored Grand Master, and if no other laurels deck my

brow, the honor of having presided over the Royal Craft in Alberta will be enough for me.

"I shall mingle in your councils when I may, to serve you with the same fidelity in the future as in the past, and I pray that Heaven's choicest blessing may rest upon every Mason in Alberta and that the Great Architect of the Universe may watch over and guide us and fill our hearts with those sublime principles so characteristic of our beloved Fraternity.

"He's true to God who's true to men;
Wherever wrong is done,
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us; and
They are slaves most base
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all their race.'

"Faithfully yours,

"S. Y. TAYLOR,
"Grand Master."

The following extract from the report of R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, a member of Red Deer No. 12, as submitted to Grand Lodge, will also be read with interest. (Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1916, pages 49-50-51):—

"FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

"Red Deer, May 15th, 1916.

"To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

"Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:—

"During the year I have had the pleasure of making sixteen official visits among the eleven Lodges in District No. 4. Notwithstanding my earnest desire to make a second visit to each Lodge I regret that, owing to great pressure of other duties and in one or two cases to illness, this was impossible in the following seven cases: Innisfail, No. 8; Mountain View, No. 16; Britannia, No. 18; Carstairs, No. 20; King Hiram, No. 21; Crossfield, No. 48, and Bowden, No. 42.

"Only in the following Lodges did I see Degree work done: Innisfail, No. 8; Eureka, No. 10; Red Deer, No. 12; King Hiram, No. 21; and Kenilworth, No. 29. In each case the work was well done, although in the case of King Hiram, No. 21, it was conducted by a Past Master; the Master of the Lodge, though present, confessed himself unable to conduct this part of the work at that time.

"In common with all other institutions in our land, Masonry has suffered seriously through existing conditions. The diversion of interest from the ordinary affairs to the extraordinary in which we are engrossed probably accounts for the very apparent apathy

exhibited in Masonic affairs by the members as a whole, and this is reflected in the financial condition of the Lodges, which in so far as collection of dues is concerned is far from satisfactory. The financial conditions in this District during 1915 were not such that there need to have been much delinquency in the matter of dues, and I cannot attribute the existing state of affairs to anything but neglect. We have in this District a large number of the most earnest and devoted men, not members of a few Lodges, but scattered throughout all the Lodges, who in every way are faithful to their duties, and are practising diligently those excellent principles which our noble Order inculcates. Not only are the several communities in which these Brethren live better because of them, but our fair Province is a better province because of their presence in it. But one cannot close his eyes to the fact that, having in mind the teaching of Masonry and professions of Masons, vastly more might be expected in showing forth the great principles of humanity and brotherly love than is really being experienced, and this after making due allowance for recognized human frailty. No doubt this is accounted for by the palpable fact that in a new territory where new Lodges are anxious for increased membership a proper selection of candidates has not been effected. I think, however, there is a disposition to remedy this and I am convinced that the new forms of Application and Committee Report will serve to keep vividly before all concerned the necessity of carefully guarding the institution from unworthy aspirants.

"The following brief summary from the Statistical Report is informing:—

"During the last year, by comparison with the previous year, in the whole District I find as follows:

"The membership has increased by only two.

"The average attendance has decreased from 27% to 24.5%.

"The total arrearages have increased 7%.

"Suspensions for N.P.D. have increased 70%.

"Relief paid out increased 40%.

"Cash on hand decreased 16%.

"Liabilities increased 9%.

"The only really bright spot is to be noted in the increase of relief paid out. The members as a whole are contributing freely to such funds as 'the Patriotic,' 'Red Cross' and 'Belgian Relief,' in addition to their ordinary benefactions, so that it is a matter of satisfaction to note this increase.

"It gives me great pleasure in closing to bear witness to the uniform kindness and brotherly hospitality which was shown me during my visits to the various Lodges, and to the readiness with which the several officers accepted suggestions which I was able to make for the increase of efficiency and regularity in their work.

"Fraternally and respectfully yours,

"H. H. GAETZ,

"D.D.G.M., District No. 4."

The following extract from minutes of meeting held January 11th, 1916:—

"The W.M. requested R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz to make presentation of P.M. Apron to I.P.M. H. J. Snell. R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz proceeded to make the presentation and in his remarks referred to the pleasure it gave him in making the presentation, also referred to the fact that W. Bro. Snell had dedicated his services to his King and Country, and that though he would be beset by numerous dangers and temptations he knew that he would so conduct himself as becomes a Mason, and hoped that the day would soon arrive when he would return from active service to sit with us again in Lodge. If in the event that he was called upon to give his life for his Country he would be surrounded by the Spirits of his brethren and that when he entered through the pearly gates of that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, he would hear those blessed words from the Great Geometrician of the Universe, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"W. Bro. Snell replied in very feeling terms appreciating the sentiments expressed by W. Bro. Gaetz."

VOTE OF THANKS—AUDITOR'S REPORT

Moved by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, seconded by R. Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz: That a vote of thanks be extended to Bro. G. Wishart for his very complete and explicit Auditor's Report. Carried.

In a very complete report, dated March 11th, 1916, "The Committee on Finance", to whom the Auditor's report has been referred, among other recommendations, submitted the following:—

Estimated deficit Revenue Account -----	\$ 226.99
Estimated deficit Capital Account -----	354.25
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	\$ 581.25

"Referring to the estimates above it will be noted that by the total deficit at the end of 1916 is meant the actual shortage in money which we will face. There will be a large amount of outstanding dues, no doubt, but outstanding dues will not be available to pay debts, and all these liabilities will be exceedingly pressing, and nothing but payment of them will save the Lodge from bankruptcy. The only way disaster can be avoided would appear to be—

- "1. The collection of all outstanding dues, and
- "2. The levying in addition of a special assessment sufficient to meet pressing obligations, or
- "3. The sale of the Lots owned by the Lodge.

"The first is impossible, the second advisable, and the third imperative.

"We recommend the following:—

- "1. That an active campaign of collection be undertaken; not fit-



Honour Roll which hangs in the Lodge Room

ful, but persistent and energetic, such as has never been done before.

- "2. That a Special Assessment be made upon the members for \$1.25 each to cover the deficiency accruing on account of remitted dues of members on Active Service.
- "3. That in future remission of dues be only made at special request of members enlisting, each case to be dealt with on its merits.
- "4. That Grand Lodge be urged to remit Grand Lodge dues on members whose dues have been remitted by the Lodge on account of Active Service, and that this be retroactive.
- "5. That the Finance Committee, together with the three principal officers of the Lodge be constituted a Special Committee with full powers to negotiate a sale of one or more lots belonging to the Lodge, as opportunity may present itself and their judgment approve.

"We would point out that the note which was given to Keystone Chapter in 1914 is long overdue, and should be renewed by a Demand note.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"FINANCE COMMITTEE,

"H. H. GAETZ

"A. T. STEPHENSON

"W. E. PAYNE"

Extracts from Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., meeting jointly with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Wednesday evening, March 29th, A.D. 1916, A.L. 5916, W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson presiding:--

"The W.M. appointed W. Bros. Pidgeon and Coote as a committee to introduce the Bros. of the 89th who were received with honors."

"The Lodge was reduced to the 2nd degree at 8:45 p.m.

"The W.M. appointed W. Bro. Coote to introduce V.W. Bro. Kilburn, R. Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz and R. Wor. Bro. W. J. Botterill, who were received with honors.

"Wor. Bro. W. J. Stephenson vacated the chair to R. Wor. Bro. W. J. Botterill who expressed his pleasure at the cordial reception accorded the Grand Lodge officers, and called upon R. Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz to perform the unveiling ceremony.

"R. Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz expressed his pleasure at being present at so large a meeting of the brethren and especially at the number who were in khaki; he voiced the opinion of those present when he mentioned that we were passing through such an exalting period as no member had ever experienced before, but though we had met reverses in the present conflict still the tide had now turned and that from now on we should meet with success. It was through no fault of unpreparedness on the part of the Allies that this war was being fought, but that we were up-

holding the principles of Liberty and Justice. He had great pleasure in unveiling first the Roll of Honor of the members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12."

"R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz then proceeded to unveil the Honor Roll of Kenilworth Lodge, and mentioned that though some of our brothers had been at the front for months, yet not one had been killed though some had been wounded. He proceeded to set forth the virtues of Masons which were entirely opposite to those vices which accompany warfare, and while we were instructed in our conduct towards brother Masons, which was entirely at variance with those vices, yet our brothers who had enlisted could go to this war upholding the virtues of Masonry. War was intent on destroying the properties of men. Masonry teaches us not to take away but strive to maintain and protect the properties of brother Masons. We are to cheer those who are depressed, and to counsel those who go astray. We are also taught loyalty to humanity as a whole and yet it was nevertheless a fact that we are engaged in a war to the death with a Nation, some of whom had taken the same obligations as ourselves. How were we going to reconcile this? Ever since the British Empire was founded she has stood for Liberty, and in it we find justification in the stand we have taken in the present war.

"R. Wor. Bro. Gaetz concluded his speech by thanking R. Wor. Bro. Botterill, the Wor. Master and Officers of the Lodge that he had been given the privilege to address the brethren. He ardently hoped that every brother whose name was inscribed on the Honor Rolls would be spared to return to us. If the other thing should happen he had not the slightest doubt that each one would make the supreme sacrifice as worthy Masons.

"R.W. Bro. Botterill in a few words expressed the view that the Lodge was undoubtedly indebted to R.W. Bro. Gaetz for the able speech he had made."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO DISABLED VETERANS' FUND

Extract from minutes of meeting held May 9th, 1916:—

"Moved by Bro. C. H. Stone, seconded by Bro. McEwan, that this Lodge have a box placed in the ante-room for members to give any contributions to Grand Lodge Disabled Veterans' Fund. Carried."

At a meeting held June 13th, 1916,

"The W.M. called on R.W. Bro. Gaetz for a report on the Grand Lodge meeting."

The following is an extract from report as submitted to the members:—

"R.W. Bro. Gaetz, in his remarks, said it would be a grand thing if more could attend the Grand Lodge meetings, as it would be an incentive to the members to take more interest in Masonry. He was sorry to see so small an attendance at the present meeting.



Bro. Lance-Corporal Colin R. Broughton, 5th Batt., 2nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Canadian Contingent. Killed in Action near Zillebeke, Flanders, July 25th, 1916.

"The most outstanding feature of the Grand Lodge meeting was the splendid address of M.W. Grand Master S. Y. Taylor, which was so much appreciated by the committee to which it was referred that they suggested that the speech should be printed in pamphlet form and distributed to subordinate Lodges.

"The motion re payment of travelling expenses of one delegate from each Lodge was very widely discussed on the floor of Grand Lodge, and it was decided to pay a one-way first class fare to one representative from each Lodge, provided that it was preferable that the W.M. or Warden should be the first choice.

"In closing his report R.W. Bro. Gaetz urged upon the members to make an earnest study of the Grand Lodge report when it reached them.

"The W.M. thanked R.W. Bro. Gaetz for his resume of the Grand Lodge meeting which he thought was most interesting."

COMMITTEE RE ANNUAL MASONIC SERVICE

"The committee reported that they had met the committee appointed by Kenilworth Lodge re Masonic service, and had arranged for the service to be held in the Lodge room Sunday, June 18th, at 3 p.m., and that the Grand Chaplain, Dr. Kerby, Calgary, would be present."

At a meeting held August 8th, 1916, the following resolution appeared in the minutes:—

"RESOLVED: That the members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., of which the late Corporal Colin Broughton, 5th Battalion, was an esteemed member, place on record their deep regret at the untimely yet glorious death in action in Flanders of Corporal Broughton, and tender to the bereaved family their sincere sympathy in their great loss and trust that The Great Architect of the Universe will in His Goodness temper the sorrow of the family by their knowledge that he died as noble a death as is possible for man to die.

"That we appreciate the prompt sense of duty that impelled our late brother to volunteer for active service on the outbreak of this Great War to fight for the Empire in defense of those great principles of Freedom and Right which are foundation stones of our noble order.

"That a page in our Historical Register be dedicated to the memory of our late brother, and of any other members of our Lodge, nineteen of whom have enlisted for active service, who may unfortunately be called upon to make the Supreme Sacrifice or who may be wounded before the war is over.

"That arrangements be made to hold a Memorial Service in honor of the memory of our late brother at some future date.

"And that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Broughton. Carried."

Extract from minutes of meeting held October 10th, 1916:—

"W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson stated that he had noticed the name of E. G. Greenwood, E.A., of Red Deer Lodge, in casualty list, and Secretary was instructed to have his name placed on the Honor Roll."

Also from the same minutes:—

"Moved by W. Bro. Payne, seconded by W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, that the brethren of Red Deer Lodge sympathize with M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop in the serious accident which has befallen him and hope that he may have a speedy and complete recovery."

RETURNED FROM THE "BATTLE FRONT"

At a meeting held November 14th, 1916,

"Wor. Bro. Pidgeon introduced to the W.M., Bro. Wilfred Patterson of the 31st Batt'n, C.E.F., returned this day from the battle front; also W. Bro. Postill.

"The W.M. expressed his pleasure at the safe return home of Bro. W. Patterson, and also was pleased to have W. Bro. Postill in attendance."

To avoid any misunderstanding regarding the above extract, W. Bro. Postill had not returned from the battle front, but he had the proud distinction of having his son on active service.

HOSPITALITY AT AMHERST, N.S.

The following extract will be of interest from minutes of meeting held December 12th, 1916:—

"That Lodge Red Deer tenders to 'Acadia' Lodge, Amherst, N.S., thanks for the hospitality they have given to our members in the 187th Batt'n, C.E.F., now in barracks at Amherst. Carried."

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Meeting held December 27th, 1916. The W.M. stated that he had requested R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill and W. Bro. Coote to perform the ceremony.

"The following officers were installed and invested:—

"Bro. F. A. McEwan	-----	W. Master
"Bro. C. Stone	-----	S. Warden
"Bro. J. Jarvis	-----	J. Warden
"Bro. J. E. Welton	-----	Treasurer
"Bro. A. G. Ayres	-----	Secretary
"Bro. Dr. A. T. Gribble	-----	Tyler
"Bro. T. S. Miller	-----	S. Deacon
"Bro. C. T. Eline	-----	J. Deacon
"Bro. T. Edis	-----	S. Steward
"Bro. S. Dunbar	-----	J. Steward"

At a meeting held January 9th, 1917, W.M. (Dr.) F. A. McEwan presiding,

NEW BUSINESS

"Bro. C. Stone stated that the Order of Eastern Star had decided to leave their Gramophone in the club room for the present and that he had collected about a dozen and a half records from members who had donated same. He would be pleased to receive any records from members who wished to donate them."

An emergent meeting was held February 6th, 1917.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting was called in conjunction with Kenilworth Lodge to receive an official visit from R.W.G.M. E. T. Bishop and R.W.D.D.G.M. J. A. Willson, (Pressure of business had prevented the R.W.G.M. being present, and he had wired accordingly) and to confer degrees."

"R.W.D.D.G.M. J. A. Wilson was introduced by W. Bro. Pidgeon."

At a meeting held February 13th, 1917,

"The W.M. instructed the Secretary to send notice by Registered Mail to a number of brethren to show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues."

It should be mentioned here that no doubt the members of the Lodge were carrying very heavy financial obligations, and on account of such a large number being on active service, being exempt from payment of dues, it was very difficult for the officers of the Lodge to keep the finances in a satisfactory condition, and I am authoritatively informed that the calls upon the members in their usual avocations of life were heavy, and the various funds being raised were well supported, the members of Red Deer No. 12 always bearing their just share.

At a meeting held March 13th, 1917,

"Bro. J. E. Welton brought up the matter of three of our members who were leaving town, viz: Bro. J. G. Hanna, T. Edis and S. Dunbar, stating that the Lodge was under a debt of gratitude to these brothers for their interest in the Lodge. Bros. Hanna and Edis suitably responded.

"R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill addressed a few remarks to the Lodge, extending greetings from Grand Lodge and stated that he was very pleased to see the interest the new officers were taking in the Lodge and the impressive manner in which the degree work was carried out."

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION

The following resolution was passed at a meeting held April 10th, 1917:—

"That the Officers and Members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., express to Bro. Lionel Page, a member of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, G.R.A., their hearty congratulations on his well merited promotion to the command of such a distinguish-

ed Batt'n as the 50th Alberta Batt'n,' and trust that his future military career will be as successful as his past and that after having fulfilled his duty to the Empire in this Great War he will return safely to Red Deer to receive the personal greetings of his many friends and brethren.

"And that a copy of this resolution be sent to Lt.-Col. Lionel Page. Carried."

Extract from minutes of meeting held April 18th, 1917:—

"The W.M. explained that the meeting was called in conjunction with Kenilworth Lodge to receive an official visit from M.W. Grand Master E. T. Bishop."

"R. Wor. Bro. A. T. Stephenson introduced the M.W. Grand Master, who was received with Grand Honors.

"M.W. Grand Master E. T. Bishop, in addressing the Lodge, remarked that he would defer his speech until after the close of the Lodge, but would touch on a few matters which would be discussed at next Grand Lodge meeting which he hoped the Lodge would discuss so that the W.M. of the Lodge would have some definite ideas on the subjects when he attended Grand Lodge."

Extract from minutes of meeting held May 28th, 1917:—

"An Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Innisfail Lodge No. 8, and Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Friday evening, May 28th, A.L. 5917, A.D. 1917.

"The Lodge was opened in regular form at 8:30 p.m., W. Bro. F. Turnbull, Kenilworth Lodge, presiding.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting was called for the purpose of presenting D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, with Regalia and called upon R.W. Brother W. J. Botterill to make the presentation.

"R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill remarked that it came as a great surprise to him to be called upon to perform the pleasant duty, and referred to the splendid work R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz had performed for Masonry, especially at Grand Lodge, and trusted that the recipient would long be spared to carry on the good work.

"R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz in reply wished to express regrets for being late this evening. However, he was very pleased to be here and was very grateful to the Lodges in District No. 4 for conferring this honor upon him. While he was in Edmonton he had received a telephone message from Innisfail, so he had some idea that he was to be the goat, but that nothing had given him more pleasure than to fill that position tonight. He expressed deep and heartfelt thanks for the thoughts that had prompted this act. He had not been able to visit all the Lodges in the District more than once, but he had found Masons in all the District greatly interested in the tenets of Masonry. Those tenets were not confined to our brothers in Masonry, but to all mankind. We must be loyal to all men with whom we come in contact, and if we were the places in which we live would be glad that they had Masons in

their midst. He again thanked the Lodges for the great honor conferred upon him.

"W. Bro. Carruthers, Eureka Lodge No. 10, remarked that it was a pleasure to say pleasant things about Masonry and also for the excellent work performed by R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz. As a representative from Lacombe it gave him great pleasure to meet where one could forget outside trouble and all could meet in harmony. R.W. Bro. Gaetz took—and is taking—a great interest in Masonry and he knew of no man in Masonry to whose speeches he had listened with more pleasure.

"W. Bro. Watt, Innisfail Lodge No. 8, also expressed his pleasure at being present at this meeting, and stated that the presentation which had been made to R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz was not only an outward expression of appreciation but that we all appreciated his services and interest in Masonry.

"W. Bro. McEwan, Red Deer No. 12, remarked his pleasure at being present, but regretted more local members were not present.

"W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, Red Deer No. 12, regretted that R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz had removed to Edmonton. He would be much missed by the Red Deer Lodges, and stated that at Edmonton a Past Masters' Association had been formed with R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz as the First President.

"W. Bros. Pidgeon and F. Turnbull and Bro. H. Wallace all eulogized the good services of R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz for Masonry."

An Emergent meeting was held August 8th, 1917,

"To attend the funeral of our late brother, Robert C. Brumpton."

"The Lodge was suspended from labor at 2:45 p.m. when the brethren proceeded to the Methodist Church and from thence to the Cemetery, where the Funeral service was held."

(Author's Note.—Bro. Brumpton was among those who assisted in organizing the first Masonic Lodge in Red Deer, was a Charter Member, and held the office of Senior Warden in the first Lodge. The brethren at a later date had the privilege of making him an Honorary Member of the Lodge.)

At a meeting held August 14th, the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas our esteemed Brother Thos. S. Miller has been called upon to mourn the death of his elder son Kendall, killed in action while serving his Empire in this great war,

"Be it Resolved—

"That the Worshipful Master, officers and members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., tender to Brother and Mrs. Miller their sincere sympathy in their great loss and that their grief will be assuaged by the knowledge that their son died

the noblest of deaths it is possible for man to die—doing his duty in defence of Liberty and Justice.

"And that a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother and Mrs. Miller. Carried."

"Moved by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, seconded by R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, 'Whereas the Great Architect of the Universe before Whose will we most humbly bow has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed Brother Robert C. Brumpton, one of the Charter Members of this Lodge;

"Be it Resolved—

"That the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., tender to Mrs. Brumpton and family their sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained by the untimely death of a loving husband and father, and beg to say that as Immortality is one of the principal beliefs of our Order we can only tender to the sorrowing family our sincere belief that we will all assuredly meet our late brother where there will be no more parting.

"Be it further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Brumpton and that a page in the Historical Register be dedicated to the memory of our late Brother R. C. Brumpton. Carried."

The following extract from minutes of meeting held September 11th, 1917:—

REPORTS GENERAL

"R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson read the following report re Patriotic Fund for Masonic Dependents:

"To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren

"Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.:

"Your committee appointed to consider and report on the letter of the Most Worshipful Grand Master regarding Masonic Relief Fund, beg to report that after considering the matter we feel that owing to the financial demands on everyone at present, the uncertain demands for the present and the future as to Relief, the time is not opportune to make an organized canvass among the members for subscription to such a fund.

"We therefore recommend that no action be taken for such a canvass but that the Secretary be authorized to receive any subscriptions voluntarily given and transmit them to the Central Committee.

"Committee: A. T. STEPHENSON

"A. S. MAXWELL."

At a meeting held October 9th, 1917, the following report was submitted:—

"R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson read the Finance Committee's report on the Auditor's report for the year 1916, as follows:—

"Red Deer, October 3rd, 1917.

"The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren

"Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.,

"Red Deer.

"Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

"Your Committee on Finance begs to report that the auditor's report for 1916 has been examined carefully by us and we recommend that the changes in the system of bookkeeping be carried out.

"We also recommend that special efforts be made to collect all arrears of dues before the end of this year and that members over a year in arrears who are not on active service be suspended.

"The Lodge revenues are not sufficient to pay the expenditures. This is due to the carrying of unproductive property and the only relief from this condition is to dispose of the property at the first opportunity, even at a sacrifice price. If this is done the Lodge will be in a strong financial position.

"The thanks of the Lodge are due to Bro. Welton for the complete financial report submitted by him to the Lodge.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"A. T. STEPHENSON

"W. E. LORD

"W. E. PAYNE."

An Emergent meeting was held on November 7th, 1917, to attend the funeral of the late Brother C. W. Wright of Perfection Lodge, Calgary.

"The Officers and members then followed in procession to the Presbyterian Church and afterwards to the Depot; the remains of Bro. C. W. Wright were taken to Leduc, several of the brethren accompanying same."

WORTHY BROTHER DEMITTED

Extract from minutes of meeting held November 13th, 1917:—

"Moved by W. Bro. Pidgeon, seconded by Bro. Ayres, that Demit be granted to R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz and that the Secretary express the regrets of the Lodge. Carried."

At this meeting, also,

"R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill addressed the Lodge re Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund and pointed out that \$1.00 per member per month was the standard aimed at by the M.W. the Grand Master. The objects of the Fund were to provide at least a University education for the children of brothers killed during the war and to generally supervise their estates. Bro. Botterill suggested that as many subscriptions as possible should be collected without delay

as most of the money received would be invested in Canadian War Bonds. As he had resigned from the Chairmanship for this district, he asked that the names of brothers willing to act as such might be submitted to him.

"Bro. Maxwell suggested that a committee be appointed in conjunction with Kenilworth Lodge to go over the lists of members with a view of obtaining the names of those who would be willing to act as Chairman for this district.

"Moved by Bro. Stone, seconded by Bro. Pidgeon, that a committee of three be appointed to collect subscriptions for the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund. Carried."

"The W.M. appointed the following committee: W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, W. Bro. Pidgeon and Bro. A. S. Maxwell."

"W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson reported that Christmas presents had been sent to members overseas and he would make a final report at next meeting."

At a meeting held December 11th, 1917,

"Wor. Bro. C. C. Campbell, of Lodge Albion, Chauvin, Alta., expressed his pleasure at being present and remarked on the good spirit shown by the members during the Election of Officers. He reminded the Lodge that the Tenets of Masonry were comparable to the Tenets of our Lord as given us in the Book of Holy Writ, and urged all Masons to live up to those principles."

Installation meeting was held December 27th, 1917. The following officers were installed by W. Bro. Coote:—

Bro. C. H. Stone	-----	Worshipful Master
Bro. J. A. Jarvis	-----	Senior Warden
Bro. A. S. Maxwell	-----	Junlor Warden
Bro. E. G. Johns	-----	Treasurer
Bro. A. G. Ayres	-----	Secretary
Bro. J. Halstead	-----	Tyler
Bro. J. E. Welton	-----	Senlor Deacon
Bro. C. T. Eline	-----	Junlor Deacon
Bro. Dr. MacCrostie	-----	Senior Steward
Bro. Thos. Lowes	-----	Junior Steward

Before closing the events of importance for the year 1917, mention should be made that Wor. Bro. H. J. Snell, Past Master of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., had the privilege and honor of being present at the "United Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of England," Bi-Centenary Celebration held in The Royal Albert Hall, London, on Saturday the 23rd day of June, 1917, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Royal Highness The Duke of Connaught, K.G., presiding. Let me quote from an extract as published in one of the daily newspapers:—

"A GREAT GATHERING OF MASONS

"8000 Greet the Duke of Connaught in Albert Hall.

"But for the war, yesterday would have seen one of the greatest festivals ever held in London.

"The Grand Lodge bi-centenary of the "Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England" falls today, when 8,000 Freemasons take part in a service at the Albert Hall.

"The occasion was celebrated yesterday by the holding of 'an especial Grand Lodge' at the same hall, which was attended by Masters of Lodges, Deputy Masters and Wardens, and was the largest assembly of the kind which has ever been held.

"There was a remarkable scene when the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, arrived. Fully a quarter of an hour previously the 8,000 Masons had taken their seats, and the doors had been locked, the occasion being invested with all the secrecy which is associated with Freemasonry. The ticket of every Mason had been carefully examined before he was admitted.

"At three o'clock the Grand Lodge was entered by a procession headed by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies with the Grand Standard-Bearers and Sword-Bearers and other office-holders. Then a procession was formed under the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. T. F. Halsey; the Senior Grand Warden, Lord Rhondda, and the Junior Grand Warden, Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd.

"A veil of mystery surrounds the mysterious rites that were then performed, and to them no reference can be made except to say that the brethren saluted the Grand Master "according to antient form" and that addresses were made to him, including one from British Freemasons interned in Ruhleben.

"The Master of the Grand Lodge of Antiquity, Bro. J. E. K. Studd, presented to the Grand Master the wooden maul which was used by Sir Christopher Wren in the building of St. Paul's Cathedral.

"Then promotions and honors in Grand Lodge were conferred upon nearly 100 Freemasons from London, the provinces, and the Dominions. The four most prominent of these were the Duke of Abercorn and Lord Roe, who were given the rank of Senior Grand Wardens, the highest that can be conferred. Sir Edward Letchworth, on completing 25 years as Grand Secretary, and Rear-Admiral Lionel Halsey were made Junior Grand Wardens. Great cheering greeted Great Britain's youngest admiral.

"Previously the Grand Master had read a telegram sent to the King assuring His Majesty of the loyalty of the Masonry and of their hope that victory would speedily crown his arms.

"In reply, the King said that the Freemasons of England had been greatly treasured by every English Sovereign for a very long period.

"Finally all the Freemasons joined in singing the National Anthem.

"NO FESTIVITIES. By the wish of the Grand Master no festivities of any kind are being held to celebrate the bi-centenary.

"This year, despite the financial strain of the war, all records have been broken in the subscriptions to the Freemasonry funds, a total of £155,000 being reached for the Benevolent Institution, the Girls' Institution and the Boys' Institution.

"The four old lodges which headed the movement which developed into a Grand Lodge on the Festival of St. John in the summer of 1717 were:—

"The lodge at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's church yard.

"The lodge at the Crown in Parker's lane, near Drury lane.

"The lodge in the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles street, Covent Garden.

"The lodge at the Rummer and Grapes Tavern, Channel Row, Westminster.

"In 1716, says the Chronicler, 'these lodges and some old brothers met at the said Apple Tree, and having put into the chair the oldest Master Mason, they constituted themselves a Grand Lodge pro tempore, in due form,' and at the next annual meeting 'the brethren by a majority of hands elected Mr. Anthony Sayer, gentleman, Grand Master of Masons, who being forthwith invested with the badge of office and power by the said oldest master and installed, was duly congratulated by the assembly, who payed him the homage. Captain Joseph Elliot, Mr. Jacob Lamball, Carpenter, Grand Wardens.'"

It will be of interest to read the following extract from the address of M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, as presented to Grand Lodge and contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1917, pages 14-15:—

"THE WAR

"The outstanding events of the war during the last twelve months have been the Russian revolution and the entry of the United States as a combatant. From the one will eventually come greater strength and a purer purpose; from the other has come a conviction beyond all doubt of the ultimate triumph of those ideals for which we are fighting. Now, as truly as in the dark days of the Civil War, is the great American republic fighting for that government 'of the people, by the people, and for the people' for which their immortal president prayed. Never before in the world's history has there been such an inspiring spectacle of mighty nations united in the great contest for the freedom of free peoples; never has there been anything so nearly approaching that actual brotherhood of man for which we feared to hope. But now through the clash of armed nations the dream of the poet may yet become the business of the statesman.

"It is not for us, however, at this time, to discuss the war in its greater phases. Our purposes must be to consider those matters that have become our especial business as the result of this conflict. The ever-increasing burdens that are being imposed on the peoples of the world by this struggle are being felt in a constantly

increasing degree by the people of this Province and members of our Order. Many funds unconnected with Freemasonry have been established to help to relieve the situation, and I am glad to say that in my visits throughout the Province I found that these funds are receiving substantial assistance from our Lodges. That, Brethren, is good Freemasonry.

"As I went from place to place I saw in our Lodges the names of our men who have gone, the record of the men who have fallen. Very many of our Brethren are now at the front; many of them will never return. All this is throwing upon us a responsibility which we cannot ignore, and which it will be our greatest honor and our highest privilege to meet. The welfare of the widows and children of our departed brethren must be for years to come the principal concern of this Fraternity. Our obligation in this regard will not be answered by subscriptions suitable to our convenience or given with consideration as to what others give. Not until the giving hurts us do we really begin to give. If the money and effort that are expended in less laudable ways in the name of Masonry were directed to the help of the relatives of our brethren who need it, then would Masonry indeed be a great benefit to the community and not merely a hope but partially realized.

"Fraternally yours,

"E. T. BISHOP,
"Grand Master."

At a meeting held January 8th, 1918, under the heading of "New Business"—

"The W.M. remarked that under this order of business he called W. Bros. W. J. Stephenson and Dr. McEwan to approach the East, and requested R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson to present P.M.'s Aprons to the above named W. Bros.

"R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson expressed great pleasure at being called upon to perform so pleasant a duty and hoped the Wor. Bros. would long be spared to wear these aprons. Wor. Bros. W. J. Stephenson and Dr. McEwan had filled the chairs with honor and though the work for the last few years had been rather dreary through so many members being on active service, still it devolved on the members left at home to carry on. Wor. Bro. Dr. F. A. McEwan expressed his pleasure and thanks to the Lodge for the presentation. He was sorry to have been absent from the last two meetings, but business had prevented him. He thanked the officers of the Lodge for 1917 for the support he had received from them.

"Wor. Bro. W. J. Stephenson also expressed his thanks for the presentation and hoped he would wear the apron with honor to the Lodge. He was sorry to know that Wor. Bro. W. Springbett was soon leaving town.

"Wor. Bro. Stone then asked R.W. Bro. Pidgeon to present a P.M.'s Jewel to W. Bro. Springbett and in doing so R.W. Bro. Pidgeon remarked that it was an extreme pleasure for him to do

so, as he was master of the Lodge when W. Bro. Springbett was initiated and had helped to make him a Master Mason. His business and social dealings with him had always been of the very best, and he requested W. Bro. Springbett to accept the Jewel as a mark of the high esteem which the Lodge felt for him and trusted he would long be spared to have the pleasure of wearing it.

"W. Bro. Springbett in very feeling terms referred to the pleasant surprise it was to him to receive the Jewel and also that he had striven to live up to the obligations he had taken when he was made a Mason. Wherever he went Red Deer Lodge would always be remembered by him with many pleasant recollections and though he could not be present at our meetings yet he would be with us in spirit. He stated that he was not severing all connections with Red Deer, and would not ask for his demit, preferring to retain his membership in his mother Lodge. He thanked the Lodge very sincerely for the Jewel."

On April 9th, 1918, R.W. Bro. F. B. Watson, D.D.G.M., addressed the brethren of the Lodge.

"After some criticism, he stated that, in connection with Masonry he thought we should consider ourselves as very fortunate to meet in such favorable circumstances, as so many of our members were serving overseas who were denied the privileges of attending Lodge, etc., etc. In closing, he wished to make another suggestion, and that was with reference to the presenting of the Lamb-skin apron. He thought that the candidate should be allowed to keep it, and if the Lodge so desired they could sell the M.M. Aprons to the members."

Wor. Bro. Stone in reply thanked the R. Wor. D.D.G.M. for his remarks and accepted the criticisms in the friendly spirit in which they were offered. He hoped that the Lodge would soon have the pleasure of another visit from R.W. Bro. F. B. Watson.

An emergent meeting was held July 9th, 1918, W. Bro. C. H. Stone presiding, who explained that the meeting was called to attend the funeral of the late Bro. E. Code, of St. John's Lodge No. 63, Carleton Place, Ont.

"After the Lodge service the members proceeded to Springvale to the residence of the late Brother, afterwards proceeding to Mount Pleasant cemetery, Springvale, when the remains of Bro. E. Code were laid to rest with Masonic rites."

Honorary Member. At a meeting held July 9th, 1918, under the heading of "New Business", the following appears:—

"Moved by Bro. A. G. Ayres, seconded by W. Bro. McEwan, that R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz be elected an Honorary Member of Lodge Red Deer. Carried."

At a meeting held September 10th, 1918, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bros. Welton and Ayres for their work in connection with the preparation of the Financial Report for 1917. Carried."



R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson 1916
W. Bro. C. H. Stone 1918

W. Bro. F. A. McEwan 1917
W. Bro. J. A. Jarvis 1919

At a meeting held October 8th, 1918,

"W. Bro. Stone reported re Lodge property, Gaetz Avenue, stating that the Finance Committee had placed an offer before W. Bro. Lord but no reply had been received yet."

At the regular meeting held December 10th, 1918,

"The W.M. expressed great pleasure in welcoming back from the war Bro. Alcock, who in reply thanked the W.M. for his remarks and also thanked the Lodge for the Xmas Gifts he had received from the Lodge while on Active Service."

A regular meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, Friday, December 27th, A.L. 5918, A.D. 1918, W. Bro. C. H. Stone presiding.

"The W.M. stated that the business to be transacted at this meeting was the Installation of Officers, and that W. Bro. Coote had been requested to perform the ceremony.

"Also the matter of disposing of the Gaetz Avenue lots would be discussed at this meeting.

"The following officers were installed and invested:—

"Bro. J. A. Jarvis ----- Worshipful Master

"Bro. A. S. Maxwell ----- Senior Warden

"Bro. A. G. Ayres ----- Junior Warden

"Bro. E. G. Johns ----- Treasurer

"Bro. J. E. Welton ----- Secretary

"Bro. J. Halstead ----- Tyler

"Bro. J. R. MacCrostie ----- Senior Deacon

"Bro. G. S. Ely ----- Junior Deacon

"Bro. D. O. Van Slyke ----- Senior Steward

"Bro. Thos. Lowes ----- Junior Steward

"W. Bro. W. Springbett ----- Chaplain

"W.M. Bro. J. A. Jarvis requested R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz to present to W. Bro. Stone a Past Master's Apron.

"R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz in making the presentation remarked that through being absent from the City during the past year he had not been able to attend Lodge, but had heard of the interest with which W. Bro. Stone had carried out his duties as Master of the Lodge and it gave him very great pleasure to make the presentation.

"W. Bro. Stone thanked the Lodge for the presentation and in a few well chosen words assured the Lodge that he would always take as great an interest in the Lodge in the future as in the past and would always be pleased to continue active and useful.

"The following resolution was passed: That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to W. Bro. Coote for his services as Installing Officer, and to R.W. Bro. Gaetz for presenting the P.M.'s Apron. Carried.

"W. Bro. Coote in reply offered his congratulations to the Lodge on choice of their new officers.

"Lodge met for Fourth Degree where the question of disposing of the Lodge lots, viz: Lots 3 and 4, Block 19 on Gaetz Avenue, was fully and intelligently discussed."

The following extract appears in the report of R.W. Bro. F. B. Watson, D.D.G.M., as presented to Grand Lodge and contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1918, page 30:—

"I have the honor to present my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 4 for the year 1917-18. I have visited all the Lodges in this District excepting Kenilworth, Red Deer. The members of this Lodge were invited to join with Red Deer Lodge on the occasion of my official visit there.

"All the Lodges in this District appear to be active and the prospects are good for future increase in membership.

"In connection with all my visits, we discussed the Patriotic Fund issue which has been well received and liberal contributions are expected from all the Lodges in this District."

(Author's Note.—No record can be found of an official visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master during the past year.)

CHAPTER V

"The dawn is golden with the hopes of God
As earth swings down the paths of change again,
Beneath His busy Hand new worlds arise
Whose towers yet unfinished call for Men.

Our creeds forgotten and our dreams outgrown
Fade with a night—a groping nation cries
For leaders in the dawn—Shall God look down
And find no vision gleaming in our eyes?

Through all the bitter dust and smoke of war
His patient fingers toiled and never ceased,
And dim beyond those meadows streaked with Death
The sunrise glistens on His age of Peace.

Be strong; the very earth's athrob with change,
This is an hour for men to toil and pray;
God's challenge echoes to the watching stars.
A world to build. And look! the dawning day."

The above note of optimism given us by a seer whose name is not known to me may be an inspiration to you as it has so often of late been to myself. This is an extract from the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Edward T. Greenway, Grand Master of Manitoba, 1919, under whose jurisdiction our own Lodge was at one time.

The preceding chapter has contained so much of the activities of the Lodge during the "War" period, that it will be interesting to note the work of the Lodge during the Reconstruction period—healthy activity and effective work in regular and constitutional ways and within limits indicated by the old landmarks of Freemasonry. Before proceeding with history of the Lodge from the minute books and other records, let me quote again from Grand Lodge of Alberta Proceedings, 1919, page 17. Most Worshipful Grand Master H. Darling, in his address, stated in part as follows:—

"Somehow men have gained a knowledge of causes, of methods and of motives and in consequence of such knowledge we have unrest, strife and bitterness beyond all precedents.

"I could not come to you today with a message like any in other times. I must not, because the situation is so different from anything we ever met before. True, unrest and unsettled conditions have followed all great wars, but never before has any struggle so vast, so far reaching, and withal so devastating swept

the ranks of humanity. At the same time, never before have men demanded to know the truth, and all the truth, of who are responsible, and who are going to carry the resultant loads. In the 'Reconstructive processes' we hear and read of so often now, we will find no need for any change in our objectives of Brotherhood, Relief and Truth. These are complete in their comprehensiveness, and they are eternal verities. They are principles, and principles are eternal. Our methods of operation, of expression, of internal economy may be found less serviceable than of old, may be rearranged, and fitted to new and broader ideas of today, but that is all. Such adjustments will be of minor importance and must of necessity come to any and every institution."

At a meeting held January 19th, 1919,

"The W.M. explained the purpose of the Special Meeting to be that of attending divine service in St. Luke's Anglican Church, held in memory of our Brothers, the late Colin Broughton and Rev. W. H. F. Harris, and others who had fallen in the Great War.

"The Brethren then went to St. Luke's Church in a body where a most impressive service was conducted and a tablet unveiled to the memory of Bro. Colin Broughton.

"At the conclusion of the service the brethren returned to the Lodge room."

SYMPATHIZES WITH SISTER LODGE IN LOSS OF JUNIOR WARDEN

The following resolution was passed at a meeting held February 11th, 1919:—

"That letters be sent to Bro. D. S. Smith and Kenilworth Lodge in the loss of Bro. S. J. Smith, the J.W. in Kenilworth Lodge. Carried."

The minutes record:—

"An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, March 4th, 1919.

"It being the regular meeting of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, and the purpose of the Emergent meeting for No. 12 being to meet Bro. Kerr, D.D.G.M., the Lodge was opened and closed by Kenilworth Lodge members and visitors being present as per Register."

At a meeting held March 11th, 1919, the following extracts appear:—

"Most Worshipful Bro. H. Darling, G.M.; M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, G. Sec'y, and Bros. Dixon, Rankin, Downey, Mercer, Reed and Coote entered the Lodge at this time and were cordially welcomed by the W.M.

"M.W. Bro. H. Darling, G.M., in response to an invitation to speak, gave a most impressive address on Brotherly Love, Truth and Service.

"M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor followed, giving information regarding events transpiring in Grand Lodges. The Special Committee

had met and amended the Constitution. The work had been done most thoroughly and harmoniously under the direction of the G.M.

"Bro. Rankin brought greetings from Bow River Lodge No. 1, and W. Bro. Reed from Vermilion Lodge and Beaver Lodge No. 83, Strathroy, Ont."

At a meeting held March 25th, 1919,

"Bro. H. B. George, who had, early in the war, been in France with the Canadian Expeditionary Force and until recently had been with H.M.C. Naval forces at Halifax, addressed the meeting complimenting the brethren on the manner in which the work was done and thanking the Lodge for the parcels he had received while at Halifax."

There were many extracts in previous minutes regarding the sale of the lots owned by the Lodge, and at a meeting held April 8th, 1919, the following report was made:—

"Red Deer, April 8th, 1919.

"The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren,

"Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.

"Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren:—

"Your committee appointed last year to sell the Lodge lots, 3 and 4, Block 19, beg to report that the lots have been sold to Mr. Smith for \$3,000.00, of which \$1,100.00 has been paid in cash and the balance is to be paid by June 1st.

"The members of the Lodge had made an agreement with Worshipful Brother Lord for an exchange, and Worshipful Brother Lord kindly consented to abandon his agreement and permit the Lodge to realize cash.

(Signed) "A. T. STEPHENSON

"C. H. STONE."

"Moved by Bro. J. E. Welton, seconded by Wor. Bro. A. S. Maxwell: That the motion of Bros. Maxwell and Eiy passed at the meeting of February 11th, 1919, and pertaining to the sale of lots 3 and 4, Block 19, Red Deer, be rescinded. Carried.

"Moved by Rt. Wor. Bro. Stephenson, seconded by Wor. Bro. Stone: That the report of the committee be received and adopted and the Worshipful Master and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized to have a transfer of the lots executed as directed by Mr. Smith on payment of the purchase price. Carried."

At this meeting also the following resolution was passed:—

"That the salary of the Secretary be increased to \$50.00 per annum, said increase to date from January 1st, 1919."

Presentation of P.D.D.G.M.'s Jewels, on the evening of April 8th:—

"R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, D.G.M., was present and the W.M. extended a hearty welcome and congratulations of the Lodge upon his safe return from the war. The W.M. then called up R.W. Bro. Botterill to present R.W. Bros. Pidgeon and Stephenson with the

jewels of the P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Botterill made a very happy speech congratulating and eulogizing the recipients of the jewels.

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon replied, thanking the brethren most sincerely for the jewel. He stated he had been made a Mason in Red Deer twenty years ago.

"R.W. Bro. Stephenson also responded. He was made a Mason in Red Deer 16 years ago. He thanked the brethren for the jewel and hoped he would be able to wear it many times in the Lodge."

At a meeting held April 22nd, 1919, the following motion was carried:—

"That the sum of \$500.00 be subscribed to the Mortgage Fund being subscribed for the erection of a building on Lots 3-4, Block 19, recently sold by this Lodge to Mr. F. N. V. Smith. Carried."

(Author's Note.—This, however, was not done, as subsequent events will show.)

At a meeting held May 13th, 1919, a communication was read from Bro. F. N. V. Smith,

"Advising that he had disposed of his interest in an agreement of sale with the Lodge for Lots 3 and 4, Block 19, to W. Bro. W. E. Lord. Filed.

"Letter from W. Bro. W. E. Lord advising that he had purchased the Agreement of Sale for Lots 3 and 4, Block 19, from Bro. F. N. V. Smith and asking statement of balance due to Lodge on same. Held for discussion later."

At this meeting also,

"Bro. J. Malcolm addressed the Lodge stating that W. Bro. Coote and himself had been appointed a Committee by Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 to follow up the matter of purchasing an invalid's chair, to be loaned to needful cases."

"R. Wor. Bro. A. T. Stephenson expressed the welcome of the Lodge to Bro. R. Harrison who had just recently returned from the front."

The following extract appears in the address of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hiram Darling, as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1919:—

"On May 9th I visited Red Deer in company with M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and R. W. Bro. Botterill. This was also a Lodge of Instruction and equally encouraging. I saw no evidence anywhere that the Craft are weary or discouraged, or inactive in any Masonic way, where real questions present. By questions, answers and always varying explanations of any symbol, method or factor in the work one is reminded of how easily a symbol is mistaken for thing symbolized.

"Back of the canvas that throbs the painter is hinted and hidden; Into the statue that breathes, the soul of the sculptor is bidden: Under the joy that is felt lie the infinite issues of feeling.

Crowning the glory revealed, is the story that crowns the revealing."

(Author's Note.—There is no record, however, of this meeting in the minute book of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, but I have verified from the register that Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 held a meeting jointly on April 25th, 1919, and no doubt this report refers to that date. The register is signed H. Darling, G.M.)

The report of R.W. Bro. John A. Kerr, D.D.G.M., as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1919, page 41, will also be of interest:—

“RED DEER No. 12 AND KENILWORTH No. 29

“On the evening of March 4th I attended a joint meeting of these Lodges held in Kenilworth Lodge. I saw the first degree exemplified, but as it was the Canadian work that was used with which I am not familiar, I was unable to offer any criticisms but I was assured by a number of the brethren present that it was well done. These Lodges are the second and third largest in the District. Their hall is very comfortable and their books and finances are in good shape. Red Deer No. 12 shows a big arrearage for dues but since I received my report from their Secretary I am informed that this arrearage has been almost wiped out. I regret that I was unable to accompany the M.W. the Grand Master when he attended a Lodge of Instruction held by these Lodges on April the 25th.”

(Author's Note.—There is no record in the minutes of the Lodge of Instruction held on April 25th, referred to in this report, but it refers to the meeting above and substantiates my claim that there was no meeting held May 9th.)

The secretary at a meeting held June 10th, 1919, reported that \$50.00 had been received by him in response to his special appeal for the Benevolent Fund and that same had been forwarded to Grand Secretary.

“The secretary reported that Wor. Bro. Lord had paid the balance of Agreement of Sale re Lots 3 and 4, that same had been placed in Savings account, and that Current account showed a balance of slightly over \$1,000.00 on hand. He suggested that a considerable portion be placed in Savings account and the matter of investment be considered.

“R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson proposed that a room be fitted up by this Lodge at the Memorial Hospital as a memorial of those brothers who had given their lives in the Great War. The idea was regarded very favorably.”

“Discussion took place as to investment of funds.

“Moved by Bro. Maxwell, seconded by Bro. Ayres and adopted: That \$2,000.00 be invested in Victory Bonds and the officers of the Lodge be instructed to arrange for the purchase.”

“Red Deer, June 22nd, 1919.

“An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 was held this date in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, under a Special Dispensation

granted by the Grand Lodge permitting the brethren to attend divine service at the Methodist Church, Red Deer.

"Lodge opened on the 3rd degree at 7:30 p.m. The brethren attended service at the Methodist Church after which they returned to the Lodge.

"Lodge closed in harmony on the 3rd degree at 9:10 p.m."

At a meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 on July 12th, 1919,

"W. Bro. H. J. Snell was present after an absence in England of some years with the Canadian forces. He was welcomed back by the W.M. and during his short speech he expressed his hearty appreciation of the presents sent each Christmas by the Lodge."

At a meeting held August 12th, 1919,

"The W.M. informed the Lodge that at the request of Kenilworth Lodge he had appointed a Committee consisting of W. Bro. Stone, W. Bro. Snell and W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson to act in conjunction with a committee from Kenilworth Lodge to arrange for a picnic to be held at Sylvan Lake on Wednesday, August 26th, as a reception to our returned brethren."

An emergent meeting was held Sunday, August 24th, 1919.

"The W.M. explained the special purpose of the meeting to be that the brethren might attend the funeral of our late Brother Wm. Piper, one of our most highly esteemed members of the Lodge.

"The brethren formed in funeral procession and attended the funeral of our late Brother, after which they returned to the Lodge."

At an emergent meeting held August 26th, 1919,

"W. Bro. Postill spoke a few words re the death of our late Bro. Wm. Piper. He also exhorted the newly raised brethren to live good Masonic lives."

R.W. Bro. Cranna, D.D.G.M., at a meeting held September 9th, 1919,

"Gave the Lodge a very enjoyable talk regarding increased activity of the Grand Lodge in this District."

"R.W. Bro. Darlow, D.D.G.M. of District No. 9, was present and congratulated the Lodge on the manner in which the work was put on, and also on the candidate who had just been passed." On October 14th,

"The Committee appointed to ascertain cost of furnishing a room at the Red Deer Memorial Hospital as a Memorial to our Brethren who fell in the Great War, reported that no room was available for the purpose at present and recommended that the matter be left till next year."

At this meeting also,

"The Committee appointed to make a report and give an estimate in the matter of new notices reported that they had chosen a new form, submitted for inspection herewith, which, it was estimated, would cost the Lodge about \$2.25 per meeting."

GOOD AND WELFARE

Under this heading,

"The Secretary suggested getting a piano for use at 4th degrees.

"Bro. R. A. Van Slyke suggested improving the ante-room and club rooms, making them more cheerful and inviting; and W. Bro. Stone referred in icy terms to the frigid atmosphere of the Lodge rooms, urging that something be done to have the Lodge heated properly.

"The W.M. appointed a committee to attend to these matters and asked W. Bro. I. Hamley, W.M. of Kenilworth Lodge, to appoint a committee to act in conjunction with the above committee."

At a meeting held November 11th, 1919, the following resolution was passed:—

"That the Secretary and Treasurer be instructed by the W.M. to immediately and carefully prepare a letter setting out as briefly as practicable the facts relative to the Masonic Benevolent Fund. The letter to indicate the total amount required to make up the apportionment of Red Deer Lodge No. 12; the average amount which, if paid by each member, would realize this amount; the sum, if any, to be contributed by each brother to be left optional; the amount already contributed by the brethren, if any, to be indicated in the letter, if possible to do so. All money received shall be credited to the funds of the Lodge. On Dec. 11th, 1919, the signing officers of the Lodge shall remit to Grand Lodge such sum as is necessary to represent the balance of the Lodge's apportionment in full. Carried."

At the same meeting,

"By consent of the Lodge the proposed Bylaws were taken up section by section, the Standard Code of Bylaws prescribed by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and adopted at the Inaugural Communication of that body held in the City of Calgary on the 12th and 13th of October, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905, being taken as the basis."

It is not necessary to make any comment on these Bylaws which have been very fully and carefully copied in the minute book by the Secretary, Bro. J. E. Welton.

Bylaw No. 55, however, will be of interest:—

"The fees for the three degrees shall be \$50.00 which amount shall include fees for Grand Lodge registration, a Grand Lodge certificate, a copy of the Constitution, a copy of the Bylaws of the Lodge and a Master Mason's Apron. Carried."

At the conclusion of the discussion the following resolution appears:—

"That the Bylaws as submitted by the committee and amended by this Lodge be adopted. Carried."

A FRATERNAL VISIT

At a meeting held November 17th, 1919,

The W.M. explained the purpose of the meeting to be the raising of Bros., and that the Degree Team of Mountain View Lodge No. 16 of Olds had come up for the purpose of exemplifying this degree.

"W. Bro. Lord moved, seconded by Wor. Bro. Stone: That the thanks of this Lodge, as a token of appreciation, be extended to the officers and members of Mountain View Lodge No. 16 for the excellent exemplification of the 3rd degree. Carried."

Under the heading of "Reports General" at a meeting held December 9th, 1919, Wor. Bro. J. A. Jarvis presiding,

"W. Bro. Stone reported for the committee appointed to enquire into plans and cost of improving the Club Room, giving the three different propositions as follows:—

"1st. Decorate and otherwise improve the present Reception Room which was deemed too small.

"2nd. To rent the former Banquet Hall and fit it up suitable for reading room, banquet hall, etc., and

"3rd. To fit up the basement of the Michener Block at a cost approximating \$2,000.00, in return for which he believed the Lodge might have the use of the improved premises for about three years free of rent."

The following resolution was passed:—

"That the report of progress be received and the Committee be authorized to continue its work. Carried."

"Wor. Bro. H. J. Snell reminded the Lodge that it was the custom of our R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson at this time of the year to move that a sum of money be granted towards giving Christmas Cheer to children in Red Deer who perhaps might not have a very joyful Christmas."

The following resolution was passed:—

"That we appropriate the sum of \$50.00, if needed, to be distributed by the Charity Committee. Carried."

At a regular meeting held December 27th, 1919, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master invested and installed—

W.M. -----	Bro. A. S. Maxwell
S.W. -----	Bro. A. G. Ayres
J.W. -----	Bro. J. E. Welton
Treasurer -----	Bro. E. G. Johns
Secretary -----	Bro. C. C. Gamble
Tyler -----	Bro. Dugald Pyke
S.D. -----	Bro. R. A. Van Slyke
J.D. -----	Bro. Geo. F. Ely
S.S. -----	Bro. A. Mitchell
J.S. -----	Bro. Thos. Edis
D. of C. -----	Bro. J. R. MacCrostie
Chaplain -----	Bro. Rev. G. D. Armstrong

The following resolution was passed:—

"That the officers, members and visitors of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., in open Lodge assembled very sincerely regret the serious illness of W. Bro. C. H. Stone, and wish the Secretary to extend to him on behalf of the Lodge the very earnest wish of all for his rapid and complete recovery and his early return to active participation in the activities of the Lodge, from which his absence tonight is noted with deepest sympathy and regret."

The illness of Bro. J. B. McLaughlin was also drawn to the attention of the Lodge,

"And the W.M. appointed W. Bros. Jarvis and McEwan as a committee to enquire the name of Bro. McLaughlin's Lodge, notify same if necessary, and to send flowers in the name of our Lodge to W. Bro. Stone and Bro. McLaughlin."

The following resolution was adopted:—

"That the hearty thanks of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 be tendered to the M.W. the G.M. for his kindness in being present and installing our officers.

"The hearty thanks of the Lodge were most suitably tendered by the W.M. to the M.W. the G.M. who acknowledged same in a very gracious manner and gave a very interesting address."

(Author's Note.—While the minutes do not contain the name of the M.W.G.M. referred to at the installation meeting, Grand Lodge records verify that Most Worshipful Brother W. J. Botterill performed this ceremony.)

The following extract from the report of the M.W.G.M. as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1920, page 16, will substantiate this:—

"December 27th—Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, extended an invitation to me to instal their officers. I found a large attendance of members and visitors. R.W. Bro. Pidgeon acted as Director of Ceremonies, after which an adjournment was made to the banquet hall where a very pleasant hour was spent."

Other extracts from the same report will be of interest (pages 13 and 15):—

"Almost my first official act was the installation of the officers of my own Lodge, Kenilworth No. 29, which took place on June 24th. I found a largely attended meeting; among the brethren present being a large number of visitors from Eureka Lodge, No. 10, Lacombe, as well as Red Deer Lodge, No. 12; R.W. Bro. W. F. Cranna, D.D.G.M., of the Fourth Masonic District, assisted me in the work. A large number of Past Masters and other visitors were present.

"September 3rd—On invitation from Bowden Lodge, No. 42, I paid them an official visit and was accompanied by R.W. Bros. Cranna and Carruthers, and a number of Past Masters and brethren from Eureka Lodge, No. 10, Lacombe; Red Deer Lodge, No. 12, Red Deer, and Kenilworth Lodge, No. 29, Red Deer."

"October 23rd—Lacombe, District No. 4. Owing to this district having twelve Lodges, it was decided to hold two Lodges of

Instruction—the one at Lacombe, in the Northern part of the district, and the other at Didsbury, in the South. Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, exemplified the First Degree in a very creditable manner. A great deal of interest was shown in this Lodge of Instruction, which was presided over by R.W. Bro. Cranna, D.D.G.M., R.W. Bros. Carruthers and Watson, and a large number of brethren from No. 12, Red Deer, including 23 Past Masters, were present and took part in the work. M.W. Bro. Taylor favored the brethren with one of his many instructive addresses on Masonry, which was greatly appreciated.”

The following extract appears in the minutes of meeting held on January 13th, 1920:—

“The W.M. expressed in a few well chosen words his great reluctance at leaving the Lodge without a Master owing to his leaving shortly for Saskatoon, and placed himself in the hands of the Lodge as to what procedure will take place during his enforced absence. He thanked the members for the kindness which had been shown to him while in Red Deer.”

(Author's Note.—To the deep regret of all the members of the Lodge Wor. Bro. A. S. Maxwell, the newly installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, moved from the city. Being Manager of a Bank his daily avocation took him to where his superiors saw fit to place him to the best interests of their institution. Much as we regretted losing him from the Lodge, we rejoiced in the knowledge that he had proved diligent, prudent, temperate and discreet, and had won just favor from his employers in the well-merited promotion he obtained upon his removal to Saskatoon.)

While no mention is made in the minutes of the appointing of a W.M., it was the desire of the Lodge to allow W. Bro. Maxwell to hold the office, and, as the succeeding minutes of the year show, the work of the Lodge was ably carried on by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

At a meeting held January 27th, 1920,

“W. Bro. Petch, sitting Master of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 92, G.R.A., of Edmonton, extended greetings from his Lodge and congratulated the officers of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 on the manner in which the degree had been worked and gave special commendation to Bro. Mitchell for his letter-perfect rendering of the lecture in the degree.”

Extract from minutes of meeting dated February 10th, 1920:—

“R.W. Bro. Pidgeon presented the Lodge with an old group photograph of the original officers of the Lodge.”

An Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, February 18th, 1920, W.M. J. A. Jarvis presiding.

“The W.M. explained that he had called this meeting in order that we might attend the funeral of our late Brother Thos. Lowes.

“The brethren were then formed in Grand Funeral Procession and proceeded to the house of our late Bro. Lowes and from there

accompanied his body to the cemetery where the last sad rites were performed by the Lodge over the grave of our departed brother.

"The brethren then returned to the Masonic Hall."

At a meeting held March 9th, 1920,

"W. Bro. Snell reported his committee had, through the kindness of Brother G. E. Fleming, secured a fine enlargement of the photograph of the first officers of Red Deer Lodge presented by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon to the Lodge. The enlargement had been suitably framed and the names and rank of the officers placed below the picture. The original photograph had also been suitably framed."

"It was moved that the report be adopted and the original photograph, suitably framed, be returned to R.W. Bro. Pidgeon."

"Moved by Bro. S. D., seconded by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, and adopted that the thanks of the Lodge be tendered to Bro. Fleming for the trouble he had taken in the matter.

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon thanked the Lodge for returning the original photo so suitably framed. He stated that he valued the photo very highly, and although quite willing to give it to the Lodge, now that a fine enlargement had been made which would serve the Lodge, he was very glad to get the original back."

At this meeting also,

"A communication was received from Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 extending an invitation to attend a Grand Re-union to be held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 19th, 1920. By command of the W.M. this communication was read in the open Lodge."

The meeting was held and the brethren of Red Deer Lodge had the privilege of attending the meeting and banquet which was given in honor of the "distinguished Guest" of the occasion, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. W. J. Botterill. Although the M.W. Bro. Botterill is a member of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, the members of Red Deer Lodge shared with their sister Lodge the honor that had been bestowed upon one of its members on being elected to the highest position in the Craft. It is a natural supposition to state that the Masonic brethren of Red Deer watched the activities of the M.W. Grand Master during the year with interest, and it was indeed a pleasure and a source of great gratification to them, when the opportunity offered itself, that they could show in some tangible manner how much they appreciated the service rendered to Masonry in Red Deer, and now to a greater extent that of the Grand Lodge jurisdiction. May I take the liberty of stating here, as the past records will show, M.W. Bro. Botterill has played a very important part in the work of Red Deer Lodge, and his assistance and advice were always welcomed. Thus it was that at the meeting held in his honor, Red Deer Lodge was so well represented.

I feel that it would be quite in order in this work to make mention here that R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill was born October 8th, 1876, at Galt, Ontario; moved to the West in May, 1883; to Alberta October, 1900, and finally settled in Red Deer in August, 1902.

Let me quote from his own report as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1920, page 17, regarding the above meeting:—

"March 19th—Red Deer. My own Lodge having decided to hold a re-union of its members, I was invited to attend officially. Every Past Master of this Lodge, since its institution, except two, were present, many of them coming from the extreme parts of the province. I was pleased to have accompany me M.W. Bro. Taylor, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Kemmis, D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, S.G.W., as well as R.W. Bros. Pidgeon, Stephenson and Oulmette. There were over one hundred members and visitors present. R.W. Bro. Oulmette, Kenilworth's first master, who is esteemed and loved by all its members, gave an instructive address to a class of fifteen newly-made Masons, while M.W. Bro. Taylor gave an eloquent and inspiring address on Masonry and its traditions. Deputy Grand Master Kemmis then, on behalf of Kenilworth Lodge, presented me with a Life Member Certificate. Adjournment was then made to the banquet room, where speech, song and story held sway for several hours. Here I also found myself the recipient of an illuminated address, a beautiful case of Fourth Degree Working Tools, and a handsome silver tea service, the same being presented on behalf of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29. Words fail me to adequately express my deep appreciation of these tokens of esteem and the true fraternal spirit in which the whole evening's programme was carried out."

FRATERNAL VISIT FROM CALGARY LODGE

Extract from minutes of meeting held March 30th, 1920:—

"The Lodge was opened in the third degree at 8:15 p.m., W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson presiding. The W.M. explained that the emergent meeting had been called in order that we might enjoy a fraternal visit from members of Calgary Lodge No. 23, G.R.A., of Calgary whose officers would work the first degree.

"M.W. Bro. Botterill, who was present unofficially, introduced the officers from Calgary Lodge No. 23, among whom was R.W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, who was received with the usual Masonic honors.

"W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson expressed the pleasure of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 in having a fraternal visit from Calgary Lodge No. 23 and requested the officers of that Lodge to take charge and work the first degree.

"W. Bro. R. A. Brown of Calgary Lodge No. 23 then assumed the gavel and after requesting the Secretary to read the notice calling the emergent meeting found that four candidates for initiation were in waiting."



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At this same meeting,

"At the request of the W.M., R.W. Bro. Pidgeon on behalf of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, presented W. Bro. J. W. Hey, who was shortly leaving for Virginia, with an address and a gold-headed cane suitably engraved, as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Lodge.

"W. Bro. Hey in returning thanks for the kindness shown him by the Lodge in making the presentation, referred to the fact that he became a member of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 by affiliation in 1909 and one month later by the courtesy of the members he was elected Master of the Lodge. He expressed his deep appreciation to the members of the Lodge and hoped some time in the future to again have the pleasure of meeting the members in Lodge.

"The W.M. then requested R.W. Bro. Sharpe to address the Lodge. R.W. Bro. Sharpe extended greetings to Red Deer brethren from our brethren in Calgary and gave a most eloquent and instructive address on our duty as Masons to the Craft in particular and the world in general. He gave the Red Deer members of the Craft a hearty invitation to visit the Calgary Lodges.

"M.W. Bro. Botterill thanked the members of Calgary Lodge No. 23 for coming here and putting on the degree in such an excellent manner and in the course of a very short address gave much good advice to the members present."

The following extract from minutes of meeting held April 13th, 1920:—

"As no Historian had been appointed by the W.M. it was moved by the Secretary, seconded by W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, and adopted, that W. Bro. Snell be requested to act as Historian during the current year."

At a meeting held May 11th, 1920,

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon presented to the Lodge on behalf of W. Bro. J. W. Hey a framed photograph of W. Bro. Hey and a book containing a list of all Regular Masonic Lodges in the world revised to April 1st, 1920.

"It was moved by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, seconded by Bro. S. W., and adopted, that the photograph and book be received from W. Bro. Hey and a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to him for same and that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to W. Bro. Hey."

At the same meeting,

"Through the courtesy of Bro. H. B. George and by permission of the W.M. a letter from W. Bro. S. P. Fream to Bro. George was read in open Lodge. As W. Bro. Fream was the first Master of Red Deer Lodge and called the 'Father of the Lodge,' and as the letter contained considerable information in regard to the early history of the Lodge, W. Bro. Snell, Historian of the Lodge, requested Bro. George to let him have the letter after he had finished with same, which request was granted."

At a meeting held June 8th, 1920,

"R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson gave a report on Benevolent work recently done by the Relief Committee in the case of a distressed brother.

"It was moved and adopted that the action of the Committee be endorsed and two orders on the Treasurer for \$50.00 each be passed to cover expenditures made for relief by the Committee."

THANKS FROM GRAND LODGE

At a meeting held July 13th, 1920,

"A letter was read from Grand Secretary requesting the Secretary to convey the personal thanks of the M.W. the Grand Master to those brethren of our Lodge who accompanied him to Mirror to consecrate Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109."

PRESENTATION TO W. BRO. JARVIS

At a meeting held August 10th, 1920,

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, on behalf of the Lodge, presented W. Bro. Jarvis with a Past Master's Apron as a token of appreciation by the Lodge for his faithful services as Master during the past year. W. Bro. Jarvis thanked the Lodge for their kind remembrance."

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At a meeting held September 12th, 1920,

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of attending Divine Service at St. Luke's Church, Red Deer, where a Memorial Window was to be unveiled by Bro. Archdeacon Hayes in memory of our late Brother Rev. (Capt.) William Henry Fanning-Harris who was at one time Chaplain of our Lodge. The W.M. read Dispensation from Grand Lodge granting privilege of wearing Masonic Regalia. The Lodge was lowered to First Degree at 10:40 and called from Labor to attend Divine Service."

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon thanked the members of Kenilworth for joining us in the memorial service, and then requested M.W. Bro. Botterill to address the Lodge. M.W. Bro. Botterill in his remarks referred to the very impressive service and the inspiring sermon which had been preached by Bro. Archdeacon Hayes from the text St. Luke XX 38: 'He is not a God of the Dead, but of the Living for all live unto Him.' He exhorted the brethren to think over the sermon and endeavor to carry out in their daily lives that spirit of sacrifice and service which had been so nobly exemplified by our late Brother Harris and also by the other brethren of our Lodge and of Kenilworth No. 29, six of whom had made the supreme sacrifice."



Red Deer and District War Memorial on Ross St., Red Deer. Unveiled on September 15th, 1922, by His Excellency Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor-General of Canada. Sculptor: Major F. H. Norbury.

FRATERNAL VISIT

On September 28th, 1920,

"W. Bro. Stone expressed on behalf of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 our very great pleasure at having with us the officers and members of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 on the occasion of their fraternal visit, and thanked them for their courtesy in coming to Red Deer and exemplifying the Third Degree in such an efficient manner."

Extract from minutes of meeting held October 12th, 1920:—

"R.W. Bro. Fowler who was present then extended an invitation to Red Deer Lodge No. 12 to exemplify the Third Degree at Lodge of Instruction in Wetaskiwin. It was moved by Bro. S.W., seconded by W. Bro. Stone and adopted, that we accept the invitation of R.W. Bro. Fowler to exemplify the Third Degree at Lodge of Instruction in Wetaskiwin on 22nd October."

Extract from minutes of same meeting:—

"It was moved by Bro. S.W., seconded by Bro. Bjorkeland and adopted, that a grant of \$100 be made by the Lodge to the Red Deer Memorial and Community Building Committee Fund."

This handsome donation to the "War Memorial" was a very fitting climax to all the work and sacrifices which had already been made by the members of the Lodge towards the successful conclusion of the Great War, mention of which has already been made. Not only did the members of the Lodge join the forces and fight in defence of freedom and justice, but those who remained at home contributed their share, and to do so made many great sacrifices. All the members of Red Deer Lodge have just reason to be proud of their contribution to this cause, and in no boastful spirit. We realize, as Canadians, we have paid a heavy price, but we feel we have attained a place in the world where our free institutions will be appreciated as they never have been before. Kipling has said:—

"If blood be the test of nationhood,
"O God, we have paid the full."

Extract from minutes of meeting held November 9th, 1920. It was moved and adopted,

"That a committee of five be appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee from Kenilworth Lodge and from Keystone Chapter to spend up to \$500 on a new Banquet Hall in basement."

An Emergent meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, December 5th, 1920. W. Bro. McEwan explained that the "meeting had been called in order that we might attend the funeral of our late Brother D. O. Van Slyke."

Mention may be made of the fact that the deceased was a brother of our now sitting Master, W. Bro. R. A. Van Slyke.

At the meeting held December 14th, 1920,

"A letter was read from Bro. Maxwell stating he had forwarded a letter of condolence to the widow of our late Bro. D. O. Van Slyke and suggesting that a similar letter be forwarded from the Lodge. It was moved by Bro. S.W., seconded by W. Bro. McEwan

and adopted, that a letter of condolence be forwarded by the Lodge to the widow of our late Bro. D. O. Van Slyke and that some remembrance from the Lodge be sent to his little child at Xmas."

At this meeting also,

"The Secretary, Bro. C. C. Gamble, reported for Investment Committee that a cheque for \$55.00 had been received covering six months interest to December 1st, 1920, on the \$2,000.00 Victory Bonds held by Lodge, and that same had been used to purchase \$65 in War Savings Certificates making a total of \$2,000 in Victory Bonds and \$130 in War Savings Certificates now owned by the Lodge and held in safe keeping in the Imperial Bank."

"Wor. Bro. Stone reported for Special Committee on Banquet Hall that our committee had met in conjunction with similar committees from Kenilworth Lodge and Keystone Chapter and after due consideration it had been found that the needed repairs in basement would cost from \$1500 to \$2000, and that the only lease which could be obtained would be a lease subject to sale which was not considered satisfactory and the committee wished to report unfavorably to the proposed scheme."

At a regular meeting held December 27th, 1920, R.W. Bro. Pidgeon read the notice calling meeting. M.W. Bro. Botterill and R.W. Bro. Fowler, D.D.G.M., were introduced and received with grand honors. The following officers were invested and installed by M.W. Bro. Botterill and R.W. Bro. Fowler:—

W.M. -----	Bro. A. G. Ayres
S.W. -----	Bro. J. E. Welton
J.W. -----	Bro. J. R. MacCrostie
Treasurer -----	Bro. E. G. Johns
Secretary -----	Bro. H. B. George
Tyler -----	Bro. L. M. Gaetz
S.D. -----	Bro. Geo. F. Ely
J.D. -----	Bro. A. B. Mitchell
S.S. -----	Bro. Thos. Edis
J.S. -----	Bro. J. B. White
D. of C. -----	Bro. R. A. Van Slyke
Chaplain -----	W. Bro. Wm. Springbett

An emergent meeting was held December 29th, 1920.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called in order that we might attend the funeral of our late Brother John W. Warwick.

"The brethren were then formed in Grand Funeral Procession and proceeded to the Jacques-Orme Funeral Home, and from thence accompanied his body to the Red Deer Cemetery where the last and sad rites were performed by the Lodge over the grave of our departed brother, after which the brethren returned to the Masonic Hall."

Before closing this year's activities, mention should be made that according to a statement contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1920,

page 64, under the heading of "Masonic Benevolent Fund Receipts", July 1st, 1919, to January 31st, 1920, in a list of other remittances from Lodges appears the following:—

"No. 12, Red Deer, \$627.00."

Also in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1921, page 94, "Masonic Benevolent Fund". The following amounts were contributed to this fund from June, 1920, to June, 1921:—

"No. 12, Red Deer, \$150.00."

Red Deer Lodge has reason to rejoice in the fact that its members are active and that they practise that Masonic virtue, charity—this being a remarkable showing for such a small Lodge.

On January 11th, 1921, the following communications were received:

"From Bro. James G. Gody enclosing dues, and extending good wishes for the New Year to all the brethren.

"Letter from W. Bro. Maxwell extending his hearty appreciation to W.M., officers and members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 for their kind message by telegraph on December 28th.

"Letter from Grand Secretary informing the Lodge 'That inasmuch as St. John's night is a fixed night of meeting, by our constitution, and as any regular business may be transacted at this meeting, it has been previously ruled and regarded to be a Regular night of meeting.' The Grand Secretary extended his best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year."

At this meeting also the following motion was adopted:—

"That the W.M. appoint a Committee to arrange for a series of lectures of any kind that would be of interest to the brethren so long as it was not of a Political or Religious nature. The W.M. appointed the following committee: Bro. Bruynseraede, Bro. S.W. and W. Bro. Stone."

At a meeting held February 8th, 1921,

"A communication was read from W. Bro. A. S. Maxwell expressing his sincere appreciation of the kind gift on the part of the Lodge of a Past Master's Apron, which was presented by Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16, G.R.S., on behalf of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., also enclosing dues and \$2.00 for Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. The W.M. instructed Bro. Secretary to reply to letter."

At this meeting also,

"Bro. S.W. reported on behalf of committee appointed to look after a series of lectures informing the Lodge they had been in communication with M.W. Bro. Taylor who hoped to be with us and give us a lecture at an early date."

At a meeting held March 8th, 1921,

"The report from the Investment Committee was read informing the Lodge that there was \$2,000 in Victory Bonds (par value) and \$130 in War Savings Certificates registered in the name of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., held in safe keeping by the Imperial Bank of Canada, Red Deer."

INVESTMENTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT

It was moved and adopted—

"That the report of the Investment Committee be adopted, and that all investments made by the Investment Committee be placed to their order in the bank and kept record of by the Investment Committee in a book for that special purpose, the same to be audited each year and incorporated in the books of the Lodge."

"It was moved and adopted that the thanks of the Lodge be extended to the Auditors for the efficient manner in which the work had been done."

"It was moved by Bro. S.W., seconded by Bro. Bayly and adopted that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Secretary for 1920, Bro. Gamble, for the very efficient manner in which he performed his duties during the year."

Mention should be made here of the untiring service rendered to the Lodge by Bro. C. C. Gamble during his term of office, in his effort to reduce the amount of outstanding dues. From authentic information the arrearage of dues was less at this time than for many years in the history of the Lodge.

An emergent meeting was held on April 8th, 1921.

"The W.M. explained the meeting had been called for the purpose of receiving official visit of M.W. The Grand Master, Bro. J. H. W. Kemmis, accompanied by Grand Lodge officers, R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, G.S.W.; R.W. Bro. F. M. Fowler, D.D.G.M., and M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill. Letters from M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge, D.G.M., expressing their regret that they would not be able to be present and extending fraternal greetings to officers and members of both Lodges, were read.

"At the request of the W.M., R.W. Bro. Pidgeon retired and introduced the Grand Master and his officers. The Grand Honors were given led by W. Bro. McEwan. The W.M. welcomed the Grand Master in a few well chosen words, and asked him to approach the East and assume the gavel.

"The Grand Master assumed the gavel and expressed his pleasure at being present with us. He informed the brethren he would be glad to answer any questions on Masonry to the best of his ability, that any brother cared to ask. He then ordered the W.M. to assume the gavel and proceed with the business of the evening.

"After Lodge was closed the members and visitors participated in a 4th Degree at which R.W. Bro. Selwood gave a very interesting address on Landmarks and Masonic Law of Masonry, which was greatly appreciated by all present."

(Author's Note.—R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, being a Masonic student and a prominent Barrister, etc., of the City of Calgary, had the necessary qualifications and educational ability to propound the subject of his address. May I voice my appreciation here of his address on this occasion, which it was my privilege to listen to?)

At a meeting held April 12th, 1921,

"A letter was read from Bro. Krause from Nordegg, dated March 15th, conveying thanks to the Lodge for their kind wishes re his speedy recovery; also thanks from himself and Bro. Wilson for flowers which were much appreciated, and wishing No. 12 every success."

At this meeting also,

"Report of Committee appointed by W.M. regarding the building of a Masonic Temple in Red Deer was read and upon motion the report was adopted. The report was as follows:—

"We, the Committee appointed to look into the matter of the feasibility of building a Masonic Hall in Red Deer, beg leave to report that we do not consider the present an opportune time for any such undertaking. Signed: R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, W. Bro. McEwan, Bro. Gamble, Committee."

"Moved by W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, seconded by W. Bro. Snell, and adopted, that the Secretary be instructed to write the M.W. The Grand Master Bro. Kemmis asking him if he would be good enough to let us have his photograph to hang in an honored place in our Lodge room."

At a meeting held May 10th, 1921, the following communication was read:—

"From W. Bro. Payne informing the Lodge it would be necessary for the Lodge to become incorporated before it would be entitled to hold or convey property, and that he was of the opinion that once the Lodge became incorporated, that then the former Lodge, Red Deer Lodge No. 73, should transfer Lot 37, Block 20, to the present Lodge."

"Letter from Bro. M. J. Manning, Delburne, dated 15th April, as follows: 'As you are no doubt aware we are trying to organize a Lodge here and a number of us must get from our Lodges Certificates of good standing. Will you please let me have one by return mail.' The necessary certificate was forwarded by Bro. Secretary."

LADIES' EVENING

"The following report was read from the Committee appointed by the W.M. to arrange for a Ladies' Evening:—

"Red Deer, Alta., May 10th, 1921.

"Worshipful Master and Brothers:

"We, your committee appointed to arrange for a Ladies' Evening, respectfully beg to report that we have carried out our instructions. A Social Evening for the wives and lady friends of the members of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Friday, May 7th, at which nearly one hundred persons were present. The evening was spent in playing Bridge and Five Hundred, followed by a musical programme and refreshments."

"It was moved and adopted that the report of the committee be received and adopted, and a very hearty vote of thanks be

extended to the Committee for the good work they did, the evening being a great success and greatly enjoyed by all those who were present. The mover and seconder of the motion spoke very highly of the Committee, and the W.M. highly commended them for the splendid manner and successful way in which the entertainment was conducted."

GRAND LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND

"It was moved and adopted that the Secretary be instructed to forward to the Grand Secretary without delay the sum of \$92.00 already paid in to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund."

"It was moved and adopted that the Lodge proceed to become incorporated that it may be in a position to hold real estate and do all other necessary acts."

And, at a meeting held June 14th, 1921, the following letter was read:—

"Letter from the Grand Secretary dated 18th May in reply to letter from the Lodge, informing the Lodge what procedure would be necessary to obtain Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lodge property and to become incorporated. Bro. Secretary informed the W.M. that a search was being made for the original Certificate of Incorporation issued to Red Deer Lodge No. 73, G.R.M., A.F. & A.M. The W.M. ordered the matter to be held over till our next Regular Communication."

INVITATION FROM ST. ANDREW'S LODGE NO. 66

"Letter from St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., Trochu, Alta., dated 22nd May, A.D. 1921, extending a very hearty invitation to the Lodge to be present at a meeting to be held on June 16th, when seven P.M.s would be presented with Aprons and Jewels, and also P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Wm. Postill, with an appropriate Jewel. Bro. Secretary, at the request of W. Bro. McEwan, informed the Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge by telephone that M.W. Bro. Botterill and several brothers were going down from Red Deer."

Mention should be made here that R.W. Bro. Postill referred to is a charter member of Red Deer Lodge No. 12.

FRATERNAL VISITS

"An Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Sunday, 26th June, A.D. 1921, A.L. 5921, under a Special Dispensation granted by Grand Lodge permitting the brethren to attend divine service at the Methodist Church, Red Deer. Officers, members and visitors present as per register.

"The brethren attended service at the Methodist Church after which they returned to the Lodge. It was moved and adopted that

a letter be written to Bro. Armstrong extending a very hearty vote of thanks on behalf of both Lodges for the splendid sermon given by him, and a letter also be written to Bro. Welton conveying a hearty vote of thanks from both Lodges for the excellent singing rendered by the Methodist Church Junior Choir which was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by all present.

"The Lodge was closed in harmony in the Third Degree at 4:30 p.m."

At a regular meeting held July 12th, 1921,

"The Lodge had the pleasure of a fraternal visit from M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill and R.W. Bro. Fowler. M.W. Bro. Botterill presented the Lodge with a photograph on behalf of M.W. Bro. Kemmis, I.P. Grand Master, which was presented to both Lodges in recognition of their welcome to M.W. Bro. Kemmis on his several fraternal visits. The W.M. responded thanking M.W. Bro. Botterill and instructed Bro. Secretary to write M.W. Bro. Kemmis extending thanks on behalf of the Lodge for photograph, and to have same framed by Bro. Fleming, cost of same to be borne by both Lodges. R.W. Bro. Fowler responded on behalf of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, thanking M.W. Bro. Botterill for photograph.

"The Lodge had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. Hadley who expressed his pleasure at being able to pay a fraternal visit to the Lodge after being absent six years. Bro. Hadley is now residing at Victoria, B.C."

At a meeting held August 9th, 1921, a telegram was read from the Secretary of Tyee Lodge No. 66, Prince Rupert, B.C., advising of the death of our late Bro. R. W. Grieve.

"W. Bro. Ayres reported that he had wired the Secretary of Tyee Lodge No. 66 requesting that Tyee Lodge conduct the funeral services, secure a suitable wreath and do anything necessary for the widow of our late Brother Grieve. W. Bro. Ayres also forwarded a letter of condolence to Mrs. Grieve in behalf of Red Deer Lodge No. 12."

At the same meeting the following motion and amendment were placed before the Lodge:—

"That Clause 59 of our Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"The annual dues of each member shall be \$8.00 except in the case of members residing outside a radius of 25 miles from Red Deer, whose dues shall be \$4.00 per year. This amendment to take effect January 1st, 1922."

"Upon a vote being taken the motion was declared lost.

"It was moved in amendment that Clause 59 of our Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"The annual dues of each member shall be \$8.00 except in the case of members residing outside a radius of 50 miles from Red Deer, whose dues shall be \$6.00 per year. This amendment to take effect January 1st, 1922."

"Upon a vote being taken the amendment was declared lost."
The following communication was read at a meeting held on September 13th, 1921:—

"From Tyee Lodge No. 66, Prince Rupert, B.C., B.C.K., dated 16th August, informing the Lodge that our late Brother R. W. Grieve was given Masonic Funeral by Tyee Lodge No. 66 and Trimpson Lodge No. 58, jointly, and that a wreath of flowers had been purchased in the name of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., cost \$10.00. Letter of thanks had been written to Tyee Lodge by Bro. Secretary.

"Letter from Innisfail Lodge No. 8, dated 27th August, extending a cordial invitation to the members of the Lodge to attend a special meeting to be held in the Opera House, Innisfail, on Wednesday evening, 21st September, A.D. 1921, when the officers of Perfection Lodge No. 9, G.R.A., will exemplify the work of the Third Degree."

"Bro. G. C. S. Crosby extended greetings to Red Deer Lodge No. 12 from Stour Lodge No. 2305, Ashford, Kent, Eng. The W.M. ordered Bro. Secretary to advise Stour Lodge that we had a fraternal visit from Bro. Crosby."

INCORPORATION OF RED DEER LODGE

At this meeting,

"Bro. Secretary informed the Lodge that he had received Certificate of Incorporation of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, from the Deputy Provincial Secretary. The W.M. instructed Brother Secretary to have same placed in the Imperial Bank of Canada for safe keeping."

(Author's Note.—The observant reader will note that this matter of incorporation had been one that had occupied the minds of the members on many occasions, and the persistent effort and careful attention that had been given to the question by the Secretaries was commendable, their efforts at last being crowned with success.)

ANNUAL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

"The Annual Lodge of Instruction for the Fourth Masonic District, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, Alberta, on Friday, October 7th, A.D. 1921, A.L. 5921.

"The Lodge was opened in the third degree at 2:45 p.m. by Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., W. Bro. A. G. Ayres, W.M., in the chair.

"Notice of meeting was read.

"The W.M. requested R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon to retire and introduce R.W. Bro. Brusso, D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 4, who was received with the usual Masonic Honors and requested to assume the gavel. R.W. Bro. Brusso then requested V.W. Bro. S.J. Byers, Grand Steward, to retire and introduce the M.W. The

Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers accompanying him. V.W. Bro. Byers then introduced:—

"The M.W. The Grand Master, J. Watson Younge.

"M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

"M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.

"R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, Grand Senior Warden.

"R.W. Bro. S. Holton, Grand Registrar.

"R.W. Bro. J. Duff, Mountain View Lodge, No. 16, Olds, Alta.

"R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon, Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Red Deer.

"R.W. Bro. Brusso welcomed the Grand Master on his official visit, and after the usual Masonic Honors to the M.W. the Grand Master, he was requested to assume the gavel, which he did. He expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the brethren of this District, and emphasized the fact that Grand Lodge Officers did not attend meetings of this kind in a spirit of criticism, but rather in a spirit of co-operation; he hoped the meeting would be an inspiration for everybody present and would be thoroughly enjoyed by all. He then requested R.W. Bro. Brusso to assume the gavel.

"R.W. Bro. Brusso requested the officers of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, Alberta, to take their respective chairs, W. Bro. J. C. F. Paul, W.M., in the East, and exemplify the Third Degree, after which the gavel was resumed by R.W. Bro. Brusso who called upon the M.W. The Grand Master to review the work of Mountain View Lodge.

"The M.W. The Grand Master informed the brethren that the Custodian of the York Rite was unable to be present. However, the Grand Master reviewed the work in a very able manner, and answered all questions asked by the brethren present in the York Rite.

"The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment at 6 p.m. adjournment for supper at the Alexandra Hotel.

"After all the brethren had partaken of a splendid banquet prepared by the W.A. of St. Luke's Church of Red Deer, they returned to the Lodge room and labor was resumed at 8 p.m., R.W. Bro. Brusso in the chair.

"Bro. R. Bruynseraede, of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, who is leaving for Belgium, was requested to approach the East, and was presented with a small token of esteem by the W.M. of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, on behalf of the brethren of that Lodge. Brother Bruynseraede thanked the W.M. and brethren present for their kind gift which he would always value very highly.

"R.W. Bro. F. M. Fowler, P.D.D.G.M., was then asked to approach the East, when he was presented with a P.D.D.G.M.'s Jewel by the M.W. the Grand Master J. Watson Younge, who informed him it was a great pleasure for him to be present to present the jewel to R.W. Bro. Fowler for work well done during his term of office, and hoped he would be long spared to wear it.

"The Lodge was then addressed by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, and Custodian of the Canadian Work. He gave

a general review of the work and a number of questions were asked and replied to.

"The Lodge then had the pleasure of some very interesting addresses by the following brethren:—

"The M.W. the Grand Master J. Watson Younge gave a general talk on Masonry which was very interesting and enjoyed by all present.

"M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M., then addressed the Lodge for a few minutes in his usual able manner.

"M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary, then gave a very interesting address, and also informed the brethren of the terrible distress in Southern Alberta at the present time, and hoped that some arrangements might be made by the Lodges in the North to send old clothes, boots, etc., or help in any way to relieve the poor people in the Southern part of the Province. Old clothes, etc., could be forwarded to some of the lodges in the South for distribution.

"R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, Grand Senior Warden, addressed the Lodge on the duties of a Mason, and also spoke of the terrible distress among the farmers in the Southern part of this Province. R.W. Bro. Murray complimented R.W. Bro. Brusso, D.D.G.M., on the splendid turnout of the brethren in the District, every Lodge being represented but two, some 250 brethren being present.

"The Lodge was then addressed in a few well chosen words by R.W. Bro. Postill, a charter member of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, and Bro. Short, Junior Warden of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, Alberta.

"M.W. Bro. Brusso then requested the W.M.s of the Lodges in the District to retire and decide where the District meeting would be held for the following year. The W.M.s then retired and Olds was the town decided upon for 1922 Lodge of Instruction.

"The Lodge was closed by Red Deer Lodge in peace and harmony at 11:15 p.m. after which all proceeded to the Alexandra Hotel to partake of fourth degree and musical programme."

MEMBERS ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICE

"An Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Sunday, 23rd October, A.D. 1921, A.L. 5921, in conjunction with Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A.

"W. Bro. A. G. Ayres, W.M., in the chair.

"Dispensation from the Grand Lodge was then read authorizing the Lodge to attend Memorial Service. The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called in order that we might attend a Memorial service to take place in the form of a Parade, along with other organizations of the city, in honor of the boys who paid the Supreme Sacrifice in the Great War.

"The brethren were then formed in Grand Funeral Procession joining the rest of the parade at the Armouries, then proceeding

to the Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. W. G. Brown, senior pastor in the city. The Band led in the hymns, which were printed on the order of service—'O God, Our Help', 'Fight the Good Fight,' 'For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest.' The Scripture was read by Rev. Gerald McComas, who also pronounced the Benediction, after which the Dead March was played by the Band; the firing party, under the command of Lieut. G. C. S. Crosby, fired three rounds, and the Last Post was sounded after the various organizations had laid their wreaths on the graves of those who had served in the war.

"The brethren returned to the Lodge room at 4:35 p.m."

An Emergent meeting was held October 24th, 1921.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called in order that we might attend the funeral of our late brother, Dr. Edward Montgomery.

"The brethren were then formed in Grand Funeral procession and proceeded to the Jacques-Orme Funeral Home, and from thence accompanied his body to the Red Deer Cemetery where the last sad rites were performed by the Lodge over the grave of our departed brother. The Burial Service was conducted by R.W. Bro. Puffer of Lacombe, a very old friend of the deceased.

"The brethren then returned to the Lodge room. Short addresses were given by R.W. Bro. Puffer, W. Bro. Franklin, of Delburne, and W. Bro. Sissons, W.M., Clive Lodge, all old friends of the deceased brother, extolling his many virtues."

At a regular meeting held on December 13th, 1921, the following communications were read:—

"From the Canadian Red Cross Society, dated November 25th, acknowledging with thanks contribution of clothes from the Masons of Red Deer for the destitute in the Southern part of the Province.

"From the Grand Secretary dated 30th November, 1921, thanking the Lodge on behalf of Grand Lodge for the prompt and generous response made to the appeal for clothing of those in distress in the Southern part of the Province, and also stating that there had been a generous response from the Lodges in the Northern part of the Province.

"From the Grand Secretary acknowledging receipt of cheque for \$20 00 from the Lodge, being contribution to Masonic Benevolent Fund."

"From Bro. Gody. Port Neville, B.C., dated 30th November, 1921, enclosing dues and the following message to all the brethren: 'Kindly remember me to the brethren and say to them that the writer thought he knew what Masonry was long ago, but when in the hospital last April he found out what it was in its true meaning, and that month's kind attention by the brotherhood was worth all it ever did or ever will cost him, for it taught him his duty to humanity.'"

At this meeting the following resolution was adopted:—

"It was moved by Bro. Welton as per notice of motion, seconded by W. Bro. C. H. Stone and adopted, that:

"Clause 56 of our Bylaws be amended to read as follows:—
 'Fees—The fees for three degrees shall be \$75.00 which amount shall include fees for Grand Lodge registration, a Grand Lodge Certificate, a copy of the Constitution, a copy of the Bylaws of the Lodge, an Entered Apprentice Apron, and Master Mason's Apron.'"

"It was moved by R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, seconded by Bro. S.W. and adopted, that a sum not to exceed \$100.00 be appropriated by the Lodge from Relief Account for Christmas presents, etc., for any cases in need of relief. Money to be expended by a Committee consisting of the W.M., J. and S. Wardens."

At an Emergent meeting held December 23rd, 1921, W. Bro. A. G. Ayres presiding,

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called in order that we might attend the funeral of our late Brother, Henry Hamilton, of Creston Lodge No. 54, A.F. & A.M., Creston, B.C.

"The brethren were then formed in Grand Funeral procession and proceeded to H. G. Stone & Sons Undertaking Parlors, and from thence accompanied his body to the Red Deer Cemetery where the last sad rites were performed by the Lodge over the grave of our departed Brother.

"The brethren then returned to the Lodge room."

At a regular meeting held December 27th, 1921, the following officers were invested and installed:—

W.M. -----	Bro. J. E. Welton
S.W. -----	Bro. J. R. MacCrostie
Secretary -----	W. Bro. A. G. Ayres
Tyler -----	Bro. J. P. McKinnon
S.D. -----	Bro. A. B. Mitchell
S.S. -----	Bro. H. B. George
Chaplain -----	Bro. R. V. Lancaster
J.W. -----	Bro. R. A. Van Slyke
Treasurer -----	Bro. E. G. Johns
D. of C. -----	Bro. G. F. Ely
J.D. -----	Bro. T. H. Edis
J.S. -----	Bro. W. E. Trueman

"Bro. Best addressed the Lodge, and expressed great pleasure at being present at our Installation ceremony. He had seen quite a number of Installation ceremonies, and in some places in the East it was the custom of the I.P.M. to install the new officers. He congratulated the Lodge on the attendance."

"W. Bro. Parsons, of St. Johns Lodge, Nfld., brought greetings and congratulated the W.M. on his election. He had been interested in the ceremony as it was rather different in a good many points from the lodges in Newfoundland.

"The W.M. then called upon W. Bro. E. Crummy, who congratulated the W.M., and regretted that he had hitherto been unable to visit us, but it was simply through causes that were unavoidable.

"A hearty vote of thanks was extended to R.W. Bro. Fowler for his kindness in installing our officers."

The following extracts from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's Address, Most Worshipful Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, will be of interest:— (Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1921, pages 15, 16, 17, 18, 23.)

"A general feeling of insecurity in employment, in investment, and in normal occupations has made men think. They look for a place of refuge, of safety for themselves and their dependents, consequently we have abnormal lists of waiting candidates for Masonry. There is no question in my mind that this is one of the principal reasons for the knocking at our doors. The reputation of the Craft is such, that the outsider feels if he can only get inside he will share in the protection the Craft offers to its dependents, and he will also share in the benefits to himself. Men today are seeking sanctuary from the uncertainties of life, and great as has been the disappointment and disillusionment of the world at the conclusion of the war, in the failure to reach new altitudes, greater still will be the disappointment of those should their high hope of the benefits and advantages of the Order be shattered by apathy and want of ideal in the Lodges.

STATE OF THE WORK

"The progress of Masonry in Alberta continues to indicate prosperity in every district. A large increase in both membership and new Lodges has taken place during the year. The brethren are active in the prosecution of the work and a fraternal spirit is being inculcated by more frequent intervisitation of the Lodges. Uniformity of work is being established throughout the jurisdiction, due in no small way to the Lodges of Instruction, at all of which the Custodian of Work was present and by exemplification and precept was able to set the brethren right. It was a pleasure to observe the ready acquiescence of the brethren in the ruling of the Grand Custodian. Although the errors and want of uniformity were usually of a minor nature, the work of the Grand Custodian is very necessary, as differences unless periodically corrected continue to grow and in time perhaps affect the essentials of our ceremonies.

"In referring to the large increase of membership, I feel constrained to make some remarks about the amount of work undertaken by some Lodges. When I find degrees being conferred to a number ranging from 150 to 190 in twelve months time, by certain Lodges, the question arises: Is so much work beneficial to Craft Masonry? Also is the individual candidate properly instructed in the spirit and the duties of a Freemason? In short, can the Lodge

thoroughly assimilate so much material? These are questions for serious consideration. An uninstructed Mason is not a benefit to the Craft and may be a detriment. Every candidate has a right to that Masonic Light which will enable him to perform his tasks with understanding and the true Masonic spirit. Our Craft is an Institution for giving and not for getting.

NECROLOGY

"The late R.W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown was one of the earliest P.M.'s in Old Bow River Lodge No. 1. He helped, with a few other stalwarts, in a small log shack in Calgary, to form Bow River Lodge, and took a prominent part in the formation of this Grand Lodge. After many years he removed "Back East" but during his remaining days retained a warm interest in Masonry in this Province.

(Author's Note.—The members will recall in the early part of the history the important part the late distinguished and esteemed Brother took in the activities of this Lodge.)

CONSTITUTING LODGES

"* * * we left for Edmonton, arriving there in time to make connection with the train for the South, which landed us in Red Deer about 4:30 p.m., where a royal welcome was extended to us by M.W. Bro. Botterill, R.W. Bro. Fowler and a number of the brethren. With that wonderful enthusiasm that our worthy P.G.M. can inject into everything he does, he arranged for cars to take us to Mirror only fifty miles distant. So, accompanied by a number of the Red Deer brethren, we set out again, W. Bro. Lord driving us in one car and M.W. Bro. Botterill taking another carload. We had dinner at Lacombe, exchanging a few pleasant words with R.W. Bro. Carruthers and other members of the Craft while there. We then started for Mirror, enjoying a splendid drive through a lovely country, and, arriving at Mirror perhaps a little late, we had to hasten somewhat in the ceremony of Constitution, but with the able assistance of M.W. Bro. Botterill, R.W. Bro. Fowler and several other brethren, the Lodge was duly constituted, and the officers were afterwards installed by M.W. Bro. Taylor. After a brief time at the banquet table, we had to leave as the weather had changed and rain commenced, giving us a long hard drive back to Red Deer, where we arrived in time for breakfast and then turned into the first real bed we had seen since leaving Calgary, with the feeling that we had attended a continuous performance over a somewhat extended area."

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

"On October the 22nd we found ourselves at Wetaskiwin. A large contingent from Red Deer arrived with our energetic Bro.,

M.W. Bro. Botterill. We met in the well-furnished Lodge room of Wetaskiwin No. 15 with R.W. Bro. Fowler, D.D.G.M., District No. 4, in the chair, and a good programme ahead of us. The Lodge room was crowded. Red Deer Lodge No. 12 took charge of the work and exemplified the third degree with a quiet perfect smoothness of operation we have seldom witnessed. Under the Custodian of the Work the illustration and questions and a discussion of the Installed Masters degree were very attentively followed by the brethren. The D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Younge and M.W. Bro. Botterill gave instructive addresses. After labor, supper was served in the Lodge banquet hall, in a lavish and splendid style, by the ladies."

BENEVOLENT FUND

"The most important activity of the Grand Lodge gave me much concern. The difficulty to solve was to find a method whereby the continued growth of the fund would be assured. M.W. Bro. Botterill inaugurated and carried to a successful conclusion a plan which placed the fund in a very advantageous position last year. Grand Lodge, at its Annual Convocation, because of the continued increase in membership, felt the necessity of increasing the fund, and unanimously resolved that an effort should be made to increase the capital fund to \$75,000 during the present year. In order to put this into effect I decided to ask the brethren to contribute an average of \$2.00 each to this fund and those who have been admitted into the Order during the present Masonic year the sum of \$6.00 each. I also felt that the Lodges which had not contributed their full quota last year should make a special effort to do so this year. While the results have not been as gratifying as I would like, I am pleased to observe that several Lodges have contributed, in full, the amounts suggested by M.W. Bro. Botterill and myself. I trust that at this communication a definite policy will be adopted for future years."

This extract from the report of the D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro. F. M. Fowler, as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1921, pages 41, 42, 43, will be interesting:—

RED DEED LODGE No. 12

"I visited this Lodge December 27th and assisted by M.W. Bro. Botterill, installed the new officers, who are very enthusiastic in their work, and I expect to see some very good results from the Lodge this year. Total membership 133. Attendance 25 per cent.

WETASKIWIN LODGE No. 15

"I visited this Lodge October 22nd. This was a Lodge of Instruction for this District. A very interesting and instructive meeting was had. There was a large turnout from most of the Lodges in the District in the North but not many from the Southern part. A team from Red Deer No. 12 put on the Third

Degree in a very creditable way. A very instructive address was given by the M.W. the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers, after which M.W. Bro. Taylor, Custodian of the Work, held a Lodge of Instruction which was very instructive indeed.

CLIVE LODGE U.D.

"I instituted this Lodge on February 9th assisted by a number of brethren from Red Deer Lodge No. 12, and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, about 30 brethren being present. The new officers are very enthusiastic and I predict some good work being done by this Lodge."

An Emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Sunday, January 1st, 1922, W. Bro. J. E. Welton presiding.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Bro. Hugh S. Campbell, of Prince Albert Lodge No. 183, G.R.C.

"The brethren were then formed in procession and proceeded to Jacques-Orme Funeral Home, and from there accompanied the remains of our late Brother to the Red Deer Cemetery where the Masonic Service was exemplified.

"After the ceremony the brethren reformed and returned to the Lodge room."

At a regular meeting held January 10th, 1922,

"W. Bro. McEwan gave report re Xmas parcels which were forwarded to some two dozen families in the district who had been reported in straightened circumstances, and stated that W. Bro. Lord had undertaken the packing and mailing of said parcels."

"Bro. the Rev. Muncaster, member of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, Blairmore, addressed the Lodge.

At this meeting,

"Bro. Muncaster referred to the great change in this Western country during the past few years re the great influx into Masonry, and wondered if it was for the common good. He urged upon the brothers to strive to so live as to be a help and comfort to those whom they came in contact with and to so act that by their conduct the Kingdom of God upon earth might be greatly extended.

"W. Bro. Ayres referred to the excellent manner in which the work had been exemplified by the new officers and expressed his pleasure for the interest shown by them in mastering their work so early in the year."

At a meeting held February 14th, 1922,

"W. Bro. Turnbull, Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, in a few words expressed pleasure at being present and hoped he would be able to visit No. 12 a little oftener this year. He referred to the matter of providing clothing for a needy family in Red Deer."

At a meeting held March 14th, 1922,

"W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson referred to the matter of the Library Committee and requested that a member of Lodge Red Deer be appointed, and the following brothers were nominated, viz: W. Bros. Stephenson and H. J. Snell. The Bailot was passed and the W.M. announced that W. Bro. Snell was elected."

"The W.M. requested I.P.M. W. Bro. A. G. Ayres to approach the East, and invited R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon to present a P.M.'s Apron to him.

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon in suitable words presented the Apron, and W. Bro. Ayres replied thanking the Lodge for their token of appreciation."

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the Auditors, Bros. Trueman and Edis, for their work.

On motion, the following were "appointed a committee to act in conjunction with the Committee of Kenilworth Lodge in the matter of providing entertainment for the Soldiers' Wives, viz: R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, W. Bro. McEwan and Bro. MacCrostie."

(Author's Note.—It should be stated here that the wives of returned veterans usually meet in Red Deer for short training in domestic courses, etc., and the citizens, etc., arrange for their entertainment while in the city. It is pleasing to note that the members of Red Deer Lodge are willing to render any service possible in this worthy work. The committee in charge of the arrangements reported at a meeting held April 11th, as follows:—

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon reported re Soldiers' Wives' entertainment, and announced that the Committee had arranged with the Rex Theatre management to entertain them for one evening at a charge of 30 cents each.

"The Committee were thanked by the W.M. and discharged."

WELL MERITED PRAISE

At a meeting held March 27th, 1922,

"M.W. Bro. Botterill in a few words expressed great pleasure at being present and congratulated the W.M. and officers of the Lodge on the excellent manner in which the work was exemplified. He made special reference to Bro. Mitchell on his perfect lecture and stated that he had never heard it excelled anywhere in the Province. He also congratulated Bro. — and urged upon him that he would endeavor to take all to heart that he had received this evening. He wished the Lodge every success in the coming year."

It is also interesting to note the extract of the report of the D.D.G.M. as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1922, page 33:—

RED DEER LODGE No. 12

"I visited this Lodge on April 1st. The First Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. The officers of this Lodge

know their work and I was favorably impressed with the lecture given by Bro. A. B. Mitchell. The books and records are well kept with the exception of the Historical Register.

"Fraternally submitted,

"ALFRED BRUSSO,

"D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District."

(Author's Note.—This should be April 11th.)

In this report also appears an extract of the Lodge of Instruction held at Red Deer on Friday the 7th day of October:—

"A Lodge of Instruction was held at Red Deer on Friday, the 7th day of October, at which were present the M.W. the Grand Master; M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary; M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, S.G.W.; R.W. Bro. Sidney Houlton, G.R.; R.W. Bro. J. Duff, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Wm. Postill, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Stephenson, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Carruthers, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Cranna, P.D.D.G.M.; R.W. Bro. Fowler, P.D.D.G.M.; V.W. Bro. S. J. Byers, G.S.; and many other prominent Masons, making a grand total of two hundred and fifty. All the Lodges in the District were represented with the exception of Carstairs Lodge No. 20, and Crossfield, No. 48. The Lodge was opened by the officers of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 at 2:45 p.m. Mountain View Lodge No. 16 exemplified the Third Degree in a very creditable manner. This was followed by a review of the work. The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment and the brethren were the guests of the brethren of Red Deer.

"In the evening M.W. the Grand Master presented R.W. Bro. Fowler, P.D.D.G.M., with a Jewel, after which instructive and inspiring addresses were given by M.W. Bro. J. Watson Younge, M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, R.W. Bro. S. Houlton, R.W. Bro. Murray, R.W. Bro. Postill and Bro. Shortt. The hour of 11:15 brought to a close one of the most successful and instructive Masonic meetings held in District No. 4, after which there was another banquet with a programme of songs and music."

R.W. Bro. A. Brusso was present at the meeting held April 11th, and "thanked the Lodge for his cordial reception and expressed his pleasure at being present. He remarked on the excellent manner in which the Work was exemplified and congratulated the candidates on the step they had taken that evening."

On Sunday, April 16th, 1922,

"A joint emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Easter Sunday, April 16th, A.D. 1922, A.L. 5922.

"The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree at 3:15 p.m., W.M. Bro. J. E. Welton presiding.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of Divine Service and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large representation of the two Lodges present. He then handed the gavel to W. Bro. H. McLevin, W.M. of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, and requested him to take charge of proceedings.

"The form of Divine Service was then proceeded with as per attached programme, and the brethren listened with great attention to an excellent address delivered by W. Bro. Rev. Dr. E. Crummy, who drew similarities between the great lesson of the Third Degree and the tenets and objects of Freemasonry.

"R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz moved, and it was seconded by M.W. Bro. Botterill, a vote of thanks to W. Bro. Crummy and the several brethren who had assisted with the service. Carried.

"W. Bro. Crummy thanked the brethren for their appreciation, saying it had given him much pleasure to bring a message to the brethren on this Holy Easter Day.

"W. Bro. Dr. Collison moved, seconded by R.W. Bro. Pidgeon, a vote of thanks to both Lodges for arranging this meeting. Carried.

"W. Bro. Welton suitably responded on behalf of the Lodges, hoping this Service would become an annual event, and mentioning that we should at this time especially remember our sick brethren and hope that they would have a speedy recovery to good health." At a meeting held May 9th, 1922,

"W. Bro. Snell reported verbally on Library, and announced that a bookcase and some books had been purchased and would be available to the members in a very short time."

PAST MASTERS' NIGHT

An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, May 23.

"The meeting having been arranged as a Past Masters' Night the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree at 8:25 p.m. with the following Past Masters as officers:—

"W.M. -----	R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon
"S.W. -----	R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson
"J.W. -----	Wor. Bro. H. J. Snell
"Secretary -----	Wor. Bro. W. E. Lord
"Treasurer -----	Wor. Bro. W. Springbett
"S.D. -----	Wor. Bro. W. J. Stephenson
"J.D. -----	Wor. Bro. F. A. McEwan
"S.S. -----	Wor. Bro. C. H. Stone
"J.S. -----	Wor. Bro. W. E. Chadsey
"D. of C. -----	Wor. Bro. J. A. Jarvis
"Chaplain -----	Wor. Bro. A. G. Ayres

"W. Bro. Welton addressed the Lodge and voiced his appreciation at seeing so many visiting brothers present, and also

congratulated the Past Masters on the excellence of their work." At a meeting held August 8th, 1922,

"Bro. Van Slyke gave verbal report re Masonic picnic at Pine Lake expressing the opinion that it had been a very successful affair and everyone seemed to have spent a jolly time."

(Author's Note.—It should be stated that the picnic referred to was held in conjunction with Lodges from Delburne, Innisfail and others of the District in the vicinity.)

At this meeting,

"The W.M. referred to the matter of the departure of Bro. E. Rivers to the States that week and deplored the fact that he had not known of it sooner, but that arrangements had been made that evening for a Fourth Degree in honor of Bro. Rivers, and invited all present to stay for the purpose of duly honoring Bro. Rivers before he left us."

At a meeting held September 12th, 1922, the new D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. Walter Bliss, Olds, visited the Lodge. The minutes record:—

"R.W. Bro. Bliss thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks and expressed his great pleasure at being present and also on the active interest shown by the Lodge in everything Masonic. He referred to the pleasure given him by the good average attendance, and also the small amount of arrears of dues. The Library, he thought, should prove a very valuable asset to the Lodge. He mentioned the District meeting which would be held in Olds some time in October and trusted Red Deer Lodge would be well represented. The Third Degree in the Canadian Rite would be exemplified. In conclusion he wished Red Deer Lodge No. 12 every success and hoped to be able to pay another visit before his term of office expired."

"W. Bro. Turnbull also expressed great pleasure on being present and congratulated the Lodge on the excellent report R.W. Bro. Bliss gave of Red Deer Lodge. He assured the R.W. D.D.G.M. that the Work was exemplified by Red Deer Lodge second to none in the Province.

"M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill introduced Bro. Devey, of Zetland Lodge, Calgary, to the W.M. who welcomed Bro. Devey in a few words and hoped he would spend a pleasant evening with us."

ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE LODGES IN THE PROVINCE

At a meeting held October 27th, 1922,

"W. Bro. Stephenson addressed the Lodge re the departure of the W.M. for Vancouver. He prefaced his remarks with a message from V. Wor. Bro. Carruthers, of Lacombe, who deeply regretted his inability to be present and forwarded all good wishes to W. Bro. Welton in his future career.

"W. Bro. Stephenson then reviewed the progress of the W.M. from the day he was initiated to the present time, expressing the opinion of all the members of the splendid service and good work he had done for the Lodge. He then in very suitable words pre-

sented W. Bro. Welton with an Emblem Ring as a token of the esteem of the members and also a gold pencil for Mrs. Welton, wishing them on behalf of the members a very happy and successful future in their new sphere of labor.

"W. Bro. Welton in reply feelingly thanked the Lodge for their mark of appreciation, and trusted the members would excuse him for the sentiments he could not express at the time. He would do so later in a letter. He sincerely hoped the Lodge would still prosper and go on from year to year in the good work, keeping up the high standard it had attained. In closing he expressed his sincere best wishes to all the members and hoped he would at some future time be enabled to visit the Lodge. He very sincerely thanked the Lodge also for the present for Mrs. Welton and assured the members that he had no doubt it would be very much appreciated.

"M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill in a few remarks expressed himself as heartily in approval of the sentiments expressed by W. Bro. Stephenson and assured the Lodge that Grand Lodge shared in them also, and looked upon Red Deer Lodge as one of the most active in the Province. He wished to couple Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 with his remarks."

At a meeting held December 12th, 1922, the following resolution was passed:—

"That a sum not to exceed \$100.00 be appropriated by the Lodge from Relief account for Christmas cheer for any cases in need of relief. Money to be expended by a Committee consisting of the S.W. and J.W."

"Bro. Van Slyke referred to the coming departure of W. Bro. McEwan from Red Deer and moved, seconded by W. Bro. Secretary 'That the Lodge regrets to lose W. Bro. McEwan, but wishes him every success and happiness in his new sphere of labor, trusting he would be able to be present with us as often as he found it convenient.' Carried."

At this meeting also the following resolution was adopted:—

"The the secretary be instructed to forward Xmas Greetings to all Past Masters of the Lodge living outside the jurisdiction." From the minutes:—

"An emergent meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Tuesday, December 19th, A.D. 1922, A.L. 5922.

"The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree at 1:20 p.m., R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon presiding.

"Officers, members and visitors present as per Register.

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother, R.W. Bro. Halley Hamilton Gaetz.

"M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill introduced the M.W. the Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Secretary, who were escorted to the East.

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon invited M.W. Grand Master, Bro. F. S. Selwood, to assume charge of the proceedings and in so doing the M.W.G.M. stated he esteemed it a great privilege to be present at the invitation of both Red Deer Lodges. Although he did not know R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz personally, yet he deeply mourned the death of a brother who had devoted his life to the tenets of Masonry both inside and outside of the Lodge.

"The brethren were then formed in Funeral procession and proceeded to the Methodist Church and from thence accompanied the remains of our late R.W. Brother to the Red Deer Cemetery where the Masonic Funeral Service was exemplified by the M.W. the Grand Master."

The late Rt. Wor. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, who had labored so faithfully in Red Deer Lodge for many years, had also been very active in the discharge of his duties as a citizen. I am taking the liberty here of quoting extracts from The Red Deer Advocate of December 22nd and 29th, 1922, from the pen of its editor and from the address of Rev. Principal Tuttle, of Alberta College South, at the funeral service:—

"Perhaps Red Deer's most distinguished son, Halley Hamilton Gaetz, Professor of Pharmacy and Materia Medica at the University of Alberta, was instantaneously called to pass beyond the veil on Thursday evening last, while quietly reading aloud in his rooms at the University with Mrs. Gaetz sitting beside him. * * * Singularly, the chapter he was reading had just been termed by him 'the chemistry of the soul', when without warning the stroke came, he threw up his hand to his forehead, his book dropped with the sentence unfinished and he was gone. * * * He had reached a position of usefulness and influence in connection with the young intellectual life of the Province which is given to few men. * * * Prof. Gaetz was born in Musquodoboit Harbor, Nova Scotia, in 1867, the second son and child of Rev. Dr. Leonard and Mrs. Gaetz. * * * The deceased devoted himself unceasingly to the building up of Red Deer and district in both material and moral lines. He was a member of the first village council of Red Deer in 1894 and served until 1901. From 1904 to 1911 he served on the town council, being Mayor in 1907 and 1908, and the town's chief representative in the supervision of the installation of the water and sewer systems. He was President of the Union of Alberta Municipalities, and was the chief factor in the institution of the Commission form of government in Red Deer, he being the first Mayor who acted as Commissioner. His work as a druggist was always of the highest order, and his standing and influence among the druggists of Alberta, and indeed of the Dominion, was unsurpassed, if not unequalled, at least so far as Alberta was concerned, by any other member. He always kept his reading and study up to date. * * *

"Principal Tuttle said:—* * * 'The memory of our friend will be cherished perhaps most of all for the qualities of his heart and spirit: he had a beautiful soul. * * * Of Prof. Gaetz it might be truly

said, 'He was a practical, rational, mystic.' His rationality led him to conclude that in a universe there must be unity and harmony. He could not suffer any ultimate antagonism between faith and reason, between religion and Science. * * * We cannot think of a personality like this, so richly endowed with gifts and graces, so intensely human, so broad in his sympathies and loyal in his attachments and friendships—we cannot think of one like this coming to 'the silent opener of the gate' and there, blocked in his ambitions, mocked in the highest reaches of his spirit, with all that is left of him to be 'blown about the desert dust or sealed within the iron hills' * * *

The high tribute paid by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1923, pages 16-17, will also be read with mingled feelings of pride and sorrow:

NECROLOGY

"May I, however, be permitted to say a few words about two types of Masons of which the personalities of two of our own departed brethren were representative, namely, M.W. Bro. Hiram Darling and R.W. Bro. Halley Hamilton Gaetz.

"On May 6th, 1923, at Rochester, Pennsylvania, after a long and lingering illness, our beloved Past Grand Master, Hiram Darling, received and answered the summons from the Supreme Grand Master. M.W. Bro. Darling occupied the position of Grand Master in the years 1918 and 1919 and even during that period he suffered much from ill-health. After he laid down the gavel at the annual Convocation of this Grand Lodge held in Calgary on the 12th day of June, A.D. 1919, his health rapidly declined to such an extent as to require a change of climate and the abandonment of the practice of his profession. The last few years of his life were spent far from the scene of his Masonic labors in this Province. His mortal remains were laid to rest at Warkworth, Ontario, the scene of his early youth. His was a nature at once so gentle and so sympathetic that he was the friend of every honest mind and sincere soul with whom he came in contact. His mind was continually searching after the eternal verities and grappling with the mysteries of the universe. A soul so responsive to the mystical must surely have drawn strength from the eternal truths taught us through the symbolism of Freemasonry.

"On the 14th of December, 1922, while apparently enjoying the best of health, R.W. Bro. Halley Hamilton Gaetz received the sudden summons to cease from his earthly activities and continue his labors in the life beyond. R.W. Bro. Gaetz was a man endowed with a vigorous body, a keen intellect, and a kindly soul. He was one of those men who were fortunate in finding the work in life best suited to their talents and energies. His work as Professor in the University of Alberta in the Department of Pharmacy has been recognized by all connected with that institution of learning as highly effective and broadly influential. In Masonic matters

R.W. Bro. Gaetz was one of our brethren able to attain to positive views and definite decisions.

"His mortal remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Red Deer, that city in which he had spent so many years of his energetic career. Grand Lodge in his case was able to pay a tribute of respect and love to his memory by attending and participating in the last solemn rites under the auspices of a joint meeting of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, held on the 19th day of December, 1922.

"Both these distinguished brethren gave of their best to the cause of Masonry. In all their labors among us they were inspired by the loftiest conception of the true mission of this Fraternity. May we continue to follow in their steps and carry forward with the same clearness of purpose and strength of soul the torch of Masonic light laid down by them within this last year of grace."

At a regular meeting held December 27th, 1922,

"W. Bro. A. G. Ayres presiding in the absence of the W.M., stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing term, but before proceeding with that ceremony he called on R.W. Bro. Pidgeon to address the Lodge, who stated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform in presenting Bro. C. C. Gamble with a small token of appreciation from the members, on the occasion of Bro. Gamble leaving town for Prince Albert; and in well chosen words extolled the services rendered to the Lodge and city by Bro. Gamble. He then presented Bro. Gamble with a set of Waterman's fountain pen and pencil. Bro. C. C. Gamble in reply feelingly thanked the members for their mark of appreciation, and wished the officers elect for the ensuing term a very successful year."

At this same meeting,

"R.W. Bro. Fowler stated that arrangements had been made for holding a joint installation of the officers elect of Red Deer Lodge with the officers elect of Cavell Lodge No. 125, G.R.A., Delburne.

"The following officers of Red Deer Lodge No. 12 were then invested:—

"W.M. -----	Bro. J. R. MacCrostie
"S.W. -----	Bro. R. A. Van Slyke
"J.W. -----	Bro. G. F. Ely
"Secretary -----	W. Bro. A. G. Ayres
"Treasurer -----	R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon
"S.D. -----	Bro. T. H. Edis
"J.D. -----	Bro. H. B. George
"S.S. -----	Bro. W. E. Trueman
"J.S. -----	Bro. R. B. Lancaster
"Chaplain -----	Bro. R. R. James
"Tyler -----	Bro. Dan A. Smith"



W. Bro. A. S. Maxwell 1920
W. Bro. J. E. Welton 1922

W. Bro. A. G. Ayres 1921
W. Bro. J. R. MacCrostie 1923

At this meeting,

"M.W. Bro. Botterili extended best wishes from the M.W. the Grand Lodge. He was pleased to witness the action of joint installation, and wished ail on behalf of Grand Lodge a happy and prosperous New Year."

Before closing the activities of this year, the following extracts from the report of the D.D.G.M., R. Wor. Bro. Walter Bliss, as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1923, page 48, will be interesting to note:—

RED DEER LODGE No. 12

"I visited this Lodge on September 12th and found conditions here excellent. The W.M., Bro. J. E. Welton, is exceptionally well qualified to fill the Master's chair and is very conscientious in his duties. The brethren of this Lodge have been wise in their selection of Secretary. The books are neatly and well kept. The historical register is written up. I desire to especially mention the thoughtfulness of the officers and members of this Lodge in caring for Masons' widows and families and for sick brethren. They have, indeed, grasped the true spirit of the Order in this and are never too busy to respond to the call of the sick and needy.

INNISFAIL LODGE No. 8

"I visited this Lodge officially on September 21st. There was a large attendance of Innisfail members and visiting brethren from other Lodges, including M.W. Bro. Botterili and R.W. Bro. Duff, W. Bro. Bookless and many more Past Masters and Master Masons. There was no degree work. The short addresses by M.W. Bro. Botterili and others were instructive and much enjoyed. W. Bro. Snell gave a timely talk on the value of keeping a historical register in each Lodge."

The following will be of interest from Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1922, page 88, under the heading

MASONIC BENEVOLENT FUND

"The following amount has been contributed from the date of its formation on May 26th, 1915, to June 20th, 1922:—

"No. 12, Red Deer, \$932.00."

At a meeting held January 9th, 1923,

"R.W. Bro. Pidgeon referred to the condition of the Lodge Square and Compasses. He informed the Lodge that they had been presented by W. Bro. Brown of Calgary some years ago, and suggested that the inscription on same which had become obscure be renewed, and also that the date of presentation be looked up and engraved on the Square and Compasses also.

"The W.M. instructed W. Bro. Secretary to see that this be done.

"Discussion arose re action of the Occupation Committee in having the telephone removed from the anteroom. By a majority

vote of the brethren it was decided that the telephone be re-installed provided that Kenilworth Lodge and Keystone Chapter were agreeable."

At a meeting held March 13th,

"The thanks of the Lodge were extended to Bro. H. B. George and Bro. H. J. Bayly for their work as Auditors."

Extract from Emergent meeting held March 27th, 1923:—

"The Lodge was opened at 8:45 p.m., W.M. Bro. J. R. Mac-Crostie presiding. It was moved and adopted that a hearty vote of appreciation and thanks be tendered to the officers and members of Calgary Lodge No. 23 for their visit and their excellence in the exemplification of the Work.

"W. Bro. Thompson, W.M. of Calgary Lodge No. 23, thanked the Lodge for their mark of appreciation assuring them that he spoke for all the visitors in saying that they had enjoyed their visit to Red Deer Lodge."

At a meeting held June 12th, 1923,

"The W.M. informed the Lodge that Bro. Eline had been sick and in hospital and regretted that he would be unable to be present and thank the Lodge personally for visits received and flowers sent during his illness."

At this meeting also,

"W. Bro. MacCrostie presented a photograph of P.G.M. J. Watson Younge, which the latter had presented to No. 12 and No. 29. The W.M. made some fitting remarks and said he would arrange to have the photo framed and hung in the Lodge."

At a meeting held September 11th, 1923,

"Bro. Van Slyke reported that Bro. Oldford was ill and that he would appreciate the visit of some of the brethren. Several of the members presented promised to visit Bro. Oldford and take magazines and books."

A regular meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Tuesday, October 9th, 1923.

"The Lodge was opened at 8:15 p.m., W. Bro. A. G. Ayres presiding, and the following Past Masters in their respective offices, viz:—

"S.W.	W. Bro. J. A. Jarvis
"J.W.	W. Bro. C. H. Stone
"Secretary	R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson
"Treasurer	W. Bro. Springbett
"J.D.	W. Bro. H. J. Snell
"S.S.	R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon
"J.S.	W. Bro. Dr. F. A. McEwan
"Tyler	W. Bro. J. J. Mahaffy."

At a meeting held November 13th, 1923,

"The W.M. referred to the honor conferred on W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson on being elected at the District meeting held at



OFFICERS RED DEER LODGE No. 12, A.F. & A.M., G.R.A., FOR 1924

Innisfail to the office of D.D.G.M. of this District for the term 1924-1925.

"The W.M. requested R.W. Bro. Dr. Byers, D.D.G.M., to address the Lodge.

"R.W. Bro. Dr. Byers stated he was very pleased to be present and to find that everything was in good order. He complimented the officers on their work.

"R.W. Bro. N. Carruthers, G.S.W., explained that he was not present to give any speech but to do honor to the D.D.G.M. and W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson. He noticed on looking over the Historical Register that Red Deer Lodge No. 12 would have its 25th anniversary next year, and he suggested that we should celebrate that anniversary in a very prominent manner. He also congratulated the Lodge for the excellent manner in which the Work of the First Degree was exemplified. He expressed very great pleasure in being present and meeting so many old friends.

"R.W. Bro. Carruthers stated that he had a very pleasant duty to perform. The M.W. the Grand Master had requested him to choose a Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. He had the pleasure of notifying the Lodge that he had selected W. Bro. Lord for the office and hoped that he would be willing for his name to be submitted to the M.W.G.M.

"W. Bro. Lord expressed great surprise and pleasure. He would consider it a very great privilege to accept the nomination to represent his mother Province and would strive to do his very best to carry out the duties of the office. He would be extremely pleased to accept the honor. He regretted that he was not attending Lodge more frequently, but it was sometimes impossible for him to be present. He agreed with R.W. Bro. Carruthers that Red Deer Lodge should fittingly celebrate its 25th Anniversary, and suggested that arrangements should be started early."

At a regular meeting held Thursday, December 27th, W.M. J. R. MacCrostie presiding,

"The W.M. stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of installing the officers for the ensuing term.

"The W.M. requested R.W. Bro. F. M. Fowler, P.D.D.G.M., to assume the gavel and proceed with the Installation ceremony.

"The following officers were then invested:—

"Bro. R. A. Van Slyke ----- W.M.

"Bro. G. F. Ely ----- S.W.

"Bro. A. B. Mitchell ----- J.W.

"W. Bro. A. G. Ayres ----- Secretary

"R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon ----- Treasurer

"Bro. W. A. McKinney ----- Tyler

"Bro. H. B. George ----- S.D.

"Bro. W. E. Trueman ----- J.D.

"Bro. Dan Smith ----- S.S.

"Bro. J. P. McKinnon ----- J.S.

"Bro. D. Cronquist ----- Chaplain

"W. Bro. Ayres presented on behalf of the Lodge a Past Master's Apron to W. Bro. MacCrostie, who thanked the Lodge for their gift."

At a meeting held January 8th, 1924,

"W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson referred to the departure from Red Deer of R.W. Bro. F. M. Fowler, P.D.D.G.M., and remarked on the good work performed by him on several occasions for Red Deer Lodge. To show the appreciation of the members of No. 12 he had much pleasure in presenting R.W. Bro. Fowler with a gold watch chain as a slight token of the high esteem he was held in by Red Deer Lodge.

"R.W. Bro. Fowler briefly replied and thanked the Lodge very feelingly for their kind remarks and consideration."

Extract from minutes of meeting held February 12th, 1924:—

"Bro. H. B. George read the Auditors' report for the year ending December 31st, 1923.

"Moved by W. Bro. Stone, seconded by Bro. Trueman, that the report be adopted. Carried.

"Moved by W. Bro. Stone, seconded by Bro. George, that the Lots owned by the Lodge and carried on the books at a valuation of \$600, be written down to \$50. Carried."

"W. Bro. Ayres referred to the question of forming a Masonic Board of Relief.

"Moved by W. Bro. Ayres, seconded by Bro. Alford, that a Masonic Board of Relief be formed. Carried.

"Moved by W. Bro. Ayres, seconded by W. Bro. MacCrostie, that R.W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson be appointed as representative of Red Deer Lodge on above Board. Carried."

At a regular meeting held April 8th, 1924, W.M. Bro. R. A. Van Slyke presiding,

"The W.M. announced that the Lodge had signed a lease for the Lodge rooms for a term of three years from January 1st, 1924, with the option of a renewal for a further period of two years."

"The W.M. informed the Lodge that Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 had invited Red Deer Lodge to confer the Third Degree at a meeting to be held Wednesday, April 16th, at 8 p.m., and requested the members present to accept this announcement as their notice of the meeting."

Extract from minutes of meeting held May 13th, 1924:—

"The W.M. referred to our 25th Anniversary and suggested the formation of a Committee to draw up programme. After discussion the arrangements were left in the hands of the W.M. and Wardens."

At a meeting held July 8th, 1924,

"The W.M. gave a concise account of Grand Lodge Communication, and it was moved by R.W. Bro. P. Pidgeon, seconded by W. Bro. Ayres, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered W. Bro. Van Slyke for his report. Carried."

The minutes record:—

"An Emergent Communication of Red Deer Lodge No. 12,

G.R.A., was held in the Masonic Hall, Red Deer, on Tuesday, August 12th, A.D. 1924, A.L. 5924.

"The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree at 1:20 p.m., W.M. Bro. R. A. Van Slyke presiding.

"The W.M. explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother, Herbert James Bayly, and requested W. Bro. Ayres to take charge of the ceremony.

"The brethren were then formed in Funeral procession and proceeded to St. Luke's Church and from thence accompanied the remains of our late Brother to the Red Deer Cemetery where the Masonic Funeral Service was exemplified.

"After the ceremony the brethren reformed and returned to the Lodge room.

"M.W. Bro. Botterill offered a few words relative to the late Bro. Bayly and extended on behalf of Grand Lodge and also Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 deep sympathy.

"Bro. R. L. Gaetz also in a few words voiced his sympathy."

At a regular meeting held August 12th, 1924, W.M. Bro. R. A. Van Slyke presiding,

"Pursuant to notice of motion it was moved by W. Bro. Ayres, seconded by Bro. M. M. Cook, that Section 59 of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows: 'The Annual Dues of each member, except as otherwise provided hereunder, shall be \$8.00, and 25% of all annual dues shall be appropriated to the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The Annual Dues of members residing outside this Masonic District shall be \$4.00. Carried.

"The matter of the necessary renovation of the Lodge room was discussed and R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson explained re delay and suggested that the Occupation Committee should arrange with W. Bro. Munn and get the necessary work done if the owner of the building would pay the account. The W.M. instructed R.W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson to make the necessary arrangements.

"The W.M. then requested W. Bro. Percy, W.M. of Innisfail Lodge No. 8, and his officers to exemplify the Third Degree.

"The W.M. expressed the appreciation of the Lodge to Innisfail Lodge for their visit.

"Moved by W. Bro. Ayres, seconded by Bro. A. B. Mitchell, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the members of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 for the excellent manner in which they had exemplified the Master Mason's Degrees. Carried unanimously.

"W. Bro. Percy, W.M. of Innisfail Lodge, suitably replied and expressed the pleasure that it had given him and his officers and members to visit Red Deer Lodge.

"No further business coming before the Lodge it was closed in harmony on the Third Degree at 12:30 a.m., after which a very enjoyable time was spent at the banquet board."

(Author's Note.—This is the last record of any minutes. Let me, however, quote the following extract from the report of R.W. Bro. S. J.

Byers, D.D.G.M. District No. 4, as contained in Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1924:—

RED DEER LODGE No. 12

"My official visit to the above Lodge was paid on November 13th, 1923, when I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Carruthers, W. Bro. Birtch and Bro. Bradbury of Eureka Lodge No. 10. The work put on at my visit was, as usual, of the very best. This Lodge has the reputation of doing good work, and I can vouch for the standard being maintained. All the books are well kept and the Lodge is in a flourishing condition."

R.W. Bro. Byers' brief report is a very fitting one to the conclusion of this work. The last return submitted to Grand Lodge will be of interest:—

RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA A.F. & A.M.

"Red Deer Lodge No. 12, held at Red Deer, for the half-year ending June 30th, 1924.

"Time of Regular Meeting:—Second Tuesday.

SYNOPSIS OF THE WITHIN RETURNS

Recapitulation	
Number of Members per last Report -----	150
Increase	
Number Initiated per this Report -----	1
Number Joined per this Report -----	—
Number Reinstated per this Report -----	—
Total -----	151
Decrease	
Number Died per this Report -----	—
Number Demitted per this Report -----	4
Number Suspended N.P.D. -----	3
Number Suspended U.M.C. -----	—
Number Expelled -----	—
Total -----	7 7
Number of Members, June 30th, 1924 -----	144

DUE THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

For Registering 1 Initiation, at \$2.00 -----	\$ 2 00
For Dues to Grand Lodge for 144 Members (six months, 75¢ each) -----	108 00
For Grand Lodge Certificates for 5 Raised this half-year, at \$2.00 -----	10 00
For Registering-----Life Members at \$5.00 -----	
For-----Life Members' Certificates at \$1.00 -----	
For-----Past Master's Certificates, at \$1.00 -----	
Total -----	120 00
P.M. Certificates for-----Master, 19-----	
L.M. Certificates for -----	
Amount of Insurance Carried -----	\$680 00



M.W. BRO. S. Y. TAYLOR
Grand Master 1915
and present Grand Secretary

CHAPTER VI

The traditions, philosophy and achievements of our great Order are most inspiring, and the beneficial influences it now wields in the world most gratifying to every Mason. The progress of our Order in the last decade of years, the firm hold its principles have taken upon the hearts and conduct of millions of inhabitants of the globe, and the antiquity of its origin—away back there in the gray dawn of human intellect—convince every thinking man that its tenets are the teachings of truth, and that the institution is one of the great and benevolent facts of the human race—a fact upon which humanity can anchor its hopes for the safety and welfare of all.

The day was in the early stages of its progress when Freemasonry had to struggle to hold its own—when it was dangerous to espouse its principles to mankind. On the one side prejudice lowered, and on the other side ignorance yawned, threatening to encompass the temple our brethren built and to bring the noble edifice in ruins to the ground. But through all these dark days they persevered in the perilous path of duty to God and man, and maintained and handed down for the welfare of future generations the benevolent idea which pervades the institution of Freemasonry. There must then have been planted in their breasts this eternal truth.

In conclusion, let me pay a tribute to The Most Worshipful the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who has done so much, and whose influence has been so beneficial and appreciated by the members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, loved and esteemed by all who have been fortunate enough to come within the radiance of his personality, “a Gentleman in the truest sense of the word.”

GRAND SECRETARY

“The services tendered us by the Grand Secretary have been unending and invaluable. Many a wish has been anticipated, many a kindly service performed unostentatiously, and always was he ready to give of himself in action, in counsel or advice. His duties as Grand Secretary, as Custodian of the Work, as Secretary of the Board of General Purposes and the Benevolence Committee are onerous, yet the work is done with the greatest precision. Correspondence and reports receive at his hands immediate attention and the smoothness with which his office runs is evidence of the splendid executive qualifications he possesses. In addition to all this, the amount of educational work he carries on and the ability and energy he brings to his position

has brought from us, not only approval, but love and pride. We wish to express to him our personal appreciation and gratitude for his loyal service during the year."

The above is an extract from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master's address, 1922, Most Worshipful Brother J. Watson Younge.

Finally, Brethren, may I state that I have refrained from quoting statistics regarding membership, increase, decrease, etc., but have in my humble manner endeavored to lay before you the "material" that has been moulded and used to build our Lodge, and those who have contributed to its welfare and for the welfare of those who are to follow us.

My work is in your hands, and may I humbly ask that you be not critical but charitable?

That man best performs his duty here on earth who adds to the sum of human happiness, and that man who contributes to the sum according to his ability has caught the spirit of Masonry and his life will be like the Sea of Galilee, bordered with beauty and continually exhaling the perfume of disinterested affection.

Masonry, rightly conceived, is one of the noblest contributions ever made to the well-being of humanity.



Robt. M. Milne-Miller, December 1899	Rev. W. H. Fanning-Harris, May 1917
Tom Brindle, August 1903	Robert C. Brumpton, August 1917
Charles P. Gee, February 1903	William Piper, August 1919
Harry Sharples, July 1903	Thomas Lowes, February 1920
George Beatty, November 1907	Dick O. Van Slyke, November 1920
Tom F. Ellis, July 1909	John R. Warwick, December 1920
Thomas H. Reade, 1915	Robert W. Grieve, August 1921
Colin Broughton, 1916	Halley, H. Gaetz, December 1922
Herbert J. Bayly, August 1924	

Red Deer Lodge No. 12

G.R.A., A.F. and A.M.

Wor. Bro. R. A. VAN SLYKE, W.M.



Masonic Hall, Michener Block,
Red Deer, Alta., August 30, 1924.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are particularly requested to attend a
Special Communication of Red Deer Lodge No. 12,
G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., to be held in the Masonic Hall,
Red Deer, **Friday, September 12th, 1924, at 2.30 p.m.**

By order of the Worshipful Master.

A. G. AYRES, Secretary.

BUSINESS:

To celebrate the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Red
Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A.

Addresses will be given by:

M.W. Bro. H. P. Reid, Grand Master

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary
and other distinguished brethren.

Banquet at 6.30 p.m.

Dance at Armouries at 9 p.m.

Copy of notice for Anniversary Communication

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



The Master, Wardens and Brethren of Red Deer Lodge No. 12, G.R.A., A.F. & A.M., in presenting this history to those more immediately interested in the welfare of Masonry in Red Deer, and especially of Red Deer Lodge, wish herewith to gratefully acknowledge their great indebtedness to the compiler of this record. W. Bro. Snell was qualified for the responsible duty entrusted to him in an outstanding way—not alone by his long and honorable record as a brother Mason, but by his student bent, by his creation and appreciation of beautiful things, by his connection with the University of Alberta Senate, by his public service on the City Council, by his war-service in England where he was honored with the Meritorious Service Medal, and, notably, by his able and enthusiastic organization work as Secretary of the Committee which brought to artistic fruition the beautiful and universally-admired war memorial at Red Deer, in which the citizens take a hallowed pride. W. Bro. Snell has labored unremittingly and intelligently on the compilation of this history since the Lodge determined on its publication, and his brethren could not allow it to pass out to the Masonic public without some word of gratitude for his work.

(Signed)

R. A. VAN SLYKE, W.M.

A. G. AYRES, Secretary.

Red Deer, September 5th, 1924.



